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# TOWN WARRANT 1941

**The Polls will open at 10 A.M. and close at 2 P.M. and the Business Meeting will open at 1 P.M. and continue until finished.**

**Art. 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

**Art. 2.** To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers, one Town Clerk, and one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor, and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3.** To hear the reports of the various Town Officers and to act thereon.

**Art. 4.** To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense in suits against the Town for the ensuing year and bring suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 5.** To see if the Town will assume liability in the manner provided by section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws and Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1939, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts in rivers and streams of the town in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 513, and authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth.

**Art. 6.** To hear and act on reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 or any other sum for the operation of schools or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 7.** To hear and act on the report of Doctor Fierman and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 or any other sum for a School Doctor or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year beginning January first, 1941 and to issue

a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the Machinery Account the sum of $648.61 of the Tractor Earnings for the maintenance of the Tractor and other equipment.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's Recommendation) Maintenance of Highways (Chapter 81) $780.00, Snow Removal $1500.00, repairs and maintenance of bridges $600.00, Town Officers $700.00, Chapter 90 Maintenance $500.00, Miscellaneous $575.00, Tree Warden $25.00, Officers Bonds $37.50, Discount on Notes $30.00, Forest Warden $100.00, Old Age Assistance $3000.00, Old Age Administration $41.09, Public Welfare $4000.00, Cemeteries $55.00, Snow Fence $350.00, Becket Fire Department $100.00, Fire Insurance on Buildings $90.00, Sons and Daughters $35.00, Workman's Compensation $219.24, Soldiers Relief $50.00, Eden Glen Pond $200.00, Board of Health $50.00, Reserve Account $400.00, and any other items.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums to paint and repair the Town Hall.

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the assessors to use the amount of $6000.00 from available funds towards the reduction of 1941 tax rate.

**Art. 13.** To choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark, Sextons.

**Art. 14.** To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

# TOWN OFFICERS IN 1940

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

C. A. R. Simmons

## SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry Shaw | Term expires 1940 |
| John L. Peer, Chairman | Term expires 1941 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1942 |

## ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry Olds, Chairman | Term expires 1940 |
| Mary Baack | Term expires 1941 |
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1942 |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Bertha Pomeroy | Term expires 1940 |
| Florence Simmons, Chairman | Term expires 1941 |
| Mae Sanderson | Term expires 1942 |

## TREE WARDEN

Harry Madigan

## AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR

Marguerite Schulze

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Selectmen

## SEXTONS

| | |
|---|---|
| Amos Gallant (Valley) | Harry C. Shaw (East) |
| Belle Walden (Center) | Belle Walden (West) |

## APPOINTEES

FOREST WARDEN
John Campbell, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph Blotz

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING
George Ende
Joseph N. Blotz

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS
Harry Madigan

FIELD DRIVERS
John Peer
John Wagner
William Little

POUND KEEPER
William Little

CONSTABLES
Amos Gallant
Clinton Wood
Marguerite Schulze

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1940 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting and Special Meeting April 12th

Raised and Appropriated

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Schools | $7,500.00 | |
| School Doctor | 500.00 | |
| Chapter 81 | 780.00 | |
| Snow Removal and Sanding | 1,800.00 | |
| Bridges | 600.00 | |
| Town Officers | 700.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 575.00 | |
| Tree Warden | 25.00 | |
| Officers Bonds | 37.50 | |
| Discount on Notes | 30.00 | |
| Forest Warden | 100.00 | |
| Snow Fence | 300.00 | |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 | |
| Fire Insurance on Buildings | 90.00 | |
| Sons & Daughters | 35.00 | |
| W.P.A. | 200.00 | |
| Workman's Compensation | 275.00 | |
| Soldier's Relief | 50.00 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 100.00 | |
| Public Welfare | 1,800.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,300.00 | |
| Cemeteries | 55.00 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 500.00 | |
| Reimbursement Berkshire Health | 39.86 | |
| Berkshire Health Unit | 126.00 | |
| | | $18,618.36 |

APPROPRIATED

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Board of Health | $ 50.00 | |
| Reserve | 400.00 | |
| Old Age Administration | 46.58 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 362.50 | |
| Machinery | 669.69 | |
| Reduce Taxes | 2,700.00 | |
| Snow Removal | 400.00 | |
| | | 4,628.77 |
| | | $23,247.13 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Special Town Meeting December 21st | | |
| Voted to transfer from W.P.A. to Snow Removal | $100.00 | |
| Voted to transfer from W.P.A. to Welfare | 100.00 | |
| | $200.00 | |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,662.50 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,101.24 |
| Total Available | | $4,763.74 |
| Town Case No. 13 | $360.00 | |
| Town Case No. 12 | 150.00 | |
| Town Case No. 1 | 527.50 | |
| Town Case No. 6 | 360.00 | |
| Town Case No. 15 | 240.00 | |
| Town Case No. 10 | 360.00 | |
| Town Case No. 16 | 360.00 | |
| Town Case No. 18 | 308.34 | |
| Town Case No. 19 | 293.34 | |
| Town Case No. 20 | 232.00 | |
| Town Case No. 21 | 247.50 | |
| Town Case No. 22 | 305.00 | |
| Town Case No. 23 | 105.00 | |
| Burial Town Case 17 | 100.00 | |
| State Case No. 5 | 360.00 | |
| Out of Town Case No. 9 | 30.00 | |
| Out of Town Case No. 7 | 395.00 | |
| | | 4,722.68 |
| Unexpended | | $ 30.06 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $46.58 |
| U. S. Grant | 69.99 |
| Total Available | $116.57 |
| Harry Shaw, Mileage, Postage, Telephone | 75.48 |
| Unexpended | $41.09 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,800.00 |
| Special Town Meeting December 21st | | 100.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 163.58 |
| Total Available | | $2,063.58 |
| Town Case No. 60 Groceries and Coal | $20.99 | |
| Out of Town Case No. 55, Cash | 252.00 | |
| Out of Town Case No. 59, Cash | 470.90 | |
| State Case No. 56, Cash and Medicine | 87.15 | |
| State Case No. 61, Rent, Cash and Wood | 388.00 | |
| Town Case No. 42, Cash and Groceries | 90.00 | |
| Town Case No. 63, Cash | 8.00 | |
| Town of Chester, Care of Case No. 63 | 14.90 | |
| City of Pittsfield, Care of Town Case No. 19 at City Infirmary 3/1/39 to 4/30/40 | 370.54 | |
| City of Springfield, Care of Case No. 47 at City Infirmary | 138.00 | |
| House of Mercy Hospital, Care of State Case No. 62 | 148.80 | |
| Treasurer of United States, Administrative expenses, Surplus Commodities | 19.23 | |
| Samuel J. Reynolds, Part Time expenses and processing butter, Pittsfield Warehouse | 28.97 | |
| | | 2,046.48 |
| Unexpended | | $ 17.10 |

## SNOW ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $ 800.00 |
| Special Town Meetings April 12th & December 21st | | 1,500.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 52.05 |
| Total Available | | $2,352.05 |
| Claude Goodell, trucking, plowing snow, sanding | $577.50 | |
| W. T. Ryan, plowing snow | 33.41 | |
| Francis Lane, labor and car | 5.50 | |
| Harry W. Madigan, plowing snow, repairing tractor and sanding | 250.96 | |
| C. T. Trombly, express on Hydraulic Jack | .77 | |
| John Peer, plowing snow, express on parts, sanding, use of car, labor on tractor | 358.97 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand | 37.23 | |
| Sears, Roebuck & Co., two batteries for Monarch | 16.24 | |
| Pierce Machine Shop, repairing shoe on Cletrac | 7.98 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., parts for Cletrac | 33.92 | |
| Alex Radwich, labor | 175.15 | |
| Berkshire Mill Supply, cables | 9.63 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., gasolene | 114.03 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 39.50 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, labor | 7.00 | |
| John Kelly, truck and labor | 40.25 | |
| Detroit Supply Co., battery cable, grease gun, bulbs | 6.53 | |
| Arthur E. Smith, repairing generator, Monarch | .75 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, plowing snow | 71.56 | |
| James Galliher, labor | 16.75 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 32.25 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., cable, loom and shovels | 10.99 | |
| Philip Powers, labor | 17.50 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor | 1.50 | |
| Clarence Wood, labor | 20.00 | |
| Elmer Radwich, labor | 33.50 | |
| Leonard Levernoch, labor | 38.00 | |
| Robert Sanderson, labor | 30.50 | |
| W. Tiffany, labor | 11.00 | |
| Wm. Walden, truck and labor | 25.00 | |
| H. Sydan, labor | 11.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Amos Gallant, labor | 8.25 | |
| Leland Stone, labor | 1.00 | |
| Hubert Methe, labor | 2.00 | |
| Walter Bailey, state truck operator | 7.50 | |
| Raymond Delphia, state truck helper | 6.25 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 15.75 | |
| Contractor Sales Co., grousers and parts for Monarch | 167.68 | |
| J. C. Ballou, gasolene, shovels | 19.94 | |
| Waconah Machine Co., welding tractor and sharpening grousers | 28.25 | |
| Mays Auto Parts, brake lining, bolts | 9.18 | |
| C. A. Pierce, 60 gals. gas. state truck | 11.36 | |
| Berkshire Hardware Co., bolts, cap screws | 1.22 | |
| L. A. Harris, pump packings | .70 | |
| T. A. Frissell, glass for cab | .54 | |
| Patrick Fitzgerald, labor | 1.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | 2.00 | |
| Jacob Zeitler, welding Monarch | 13.55 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck sanding | 22.50 | |
| | | 2,348.04 |
| Unexpended | | $ 4.01 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriations | | $575.00 |
| Pittsfield Electric Co., electricity for garage | $10.50 | |
| Hobbs and Warren Co., legal forms and supplies | 31.65 | |
| John Peer, postage. telephone and mileage | 46.30 | |
| W. H. Shandoff, office supplies | 2.65 | |
| Harry Shaw, postage, telephone, mileage | 80.66 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, postage, telephone, mileage | 67.83 | |
| Studley Press, town reports and ballots | 133.00 | |
| Pittsfield Third National Bank, check books | 5.33 | |
| Donald A. Hall, Florinda Dragon and City of Springfield cases | 42.80 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Assessor's expenses | 6.20 | |
| Walter S. Dickie, recording deeds | 3.00 | |
| Maude May, car for surplus commodities | 2.50 | |
| Barre Gazette, Collector's supplies | 12.40 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Margaret Schulze, postage | 13.85 | |
| Dorothy Durant, stamped envelopes | 27.76 | |
| Berkshire Eagle, advertisements, road | 2.94 | |
| Elmer Radwich, repairing damage to fence and lawn at Philip Powers | 5.00 | |
| Mass. Selectmen's Ass'n, Selectmen's dues 1940 | 6.00 | |
| Julia Fleming, ½ cord wood for garage | 4.00 | |
| Philip Powers, blasting damage to window | .75 | |
| W. & L. E. Gurley, Sealer's receipt book | 2.10 | |
| J. C. Ballou, nails and hinges for Town Hall | 1.15 | |
| John Campbell, jacking up Town Hall | 3.00 | |
| Harry Olds, Assessor's expenses | 9.21 | |
| B. & A. R.R., rent of land | 1.00 | |
| | | 521.58 |
| Unexpended | | $ 53.42 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $700.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 79.52 |
| | | $779.52 |
| Harry Shaw, Selectmen's salary and registrations | $66.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Selectmen's, Clerk, Treasurer's salary and registrations | 213.00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Inspector of Slaughtering 1939-1940 | 17.50 | |
| Bertha Pomeroy, School Committee salary 1939-1940 | 10.00 | |
| David Watson, Teller and posting warrants | 14.00 | |
| Leland Stone, Teller | 11.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, posting warrant and Teller | 6.00 | |
| John Peer, Selectmen's salary, Moderator and registrations | 138.00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, Cattle Inspector | 26.00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, Checker | 8.00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., posting fire notices, caring for equipment, issuing permits | 9.92 | |
| Amos Gallant, collecting dog taxes | 15.10 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Assessor's salary | 30.00 | |

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| Harry Olds, Chairman of Assessors, salary | 50.00 | |
| Mary Baack, Assessor's salary | 30.00 | |
| Margaret Schulze, Collector's salary | 100.00 | |
| May Sanderson, School Committee salary | 5.00 | |
| Florence Simmons, salary School Committee Chairman | 25.00 | |
| George Ende, Inspector of Slaughtering | 5.00 | |
| | | 779.52 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $669.69 |
| John L. Peer, plates for tractor, truck for hauling to Pittsfield and return | $9.00 | |
| James S. Brown, oil and grease | 36.00 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, repairing tractor | 14.77 | |
| Alex Radwich, repairing tractor | 5.50 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., overhauling tractor, new seat | 135.57 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., gasolene | 45.23 | |
| E. W. Systrom Co., 1 scraper blade | 8.55 | |
| Jacob Zeitler, work on scraper | 11.95 | |
| Obediah Dean, repairing scraper wheel and grader | 5.50 | |
| Francis Lane, labor on tractor and use of car | 6.25 | |
| C. C. Henry, 2 pieces pipe | 3.75 | |
| Mays Auto Parts Co., rethreading bolt & nut | 6.00 | |
| Joseph C. Ballou, 2 gasolene cans | 3.00 | |
| Tarbell Watters Co., 2 gals. Prestone | 4.06 | |
| Sears Roebuck & Co., set of wrenches | 19.95 | |
| | | 315.08 |
| Unexpended | | $354.61 |
| Tractor earnings 1940 | | 294.00 |
| | | $648.61 |

## CHAPTER 81

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|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $ 780.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 7,800.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | .43 |
| Total Available | | $8,580.43 |
| H. W. Madigan, Sup't | $849.99 | |
| H. W. Madigan, car | 250.76 | |
| Elmer Radwich, labor | 203.50 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 475.00 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 501.50 | |
| James Galliher, labor | 368.00 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 16.00 | |
| Hubert Methe, labor | 16.00 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 132.75 | |
| Leonard Levernoch, labor | 147.87 | |
| Charles Farnham, team | 7.00 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, tractor driver | 108.00 | |
| Francis Lane, labor | 502.00 | |
| Henry May, labor | 441.40 | |
| Henry Lampro, compressor operator | 60.00 | |
| Charles Decker, labor | 123.00 | |
| William Walden, labor | 74.75 | |
| William Andrews, roller operator | 1.87 | |
| Edward Gargan, truck driver | 1.50 | |
| James Sanderson, labor | 183.25 | |
| Joseph Gillette, labor and truck mowing | 35.25 | |
| Robert Sanderson, labor | 145.75 | |
| Robert Keiper, labor | 15.15 | |
| Edward Leighton, labor | 4.00 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor | 7.00 | |
| Claude Goodell, labor | 9.50 | |
| | | 4,680.99 |
| Claude Goodell, truck | $288.00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 702.51 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 478.40 | |
| Web Farnham, truck | 36.00 | |
| John L. Peer, truck | 580.91 | |
| L. A. Harris, truck | 1.00 | |
| | | 2,086.82 |
| Town tractor | $294.00 | |
| Town of Becket, grader | 55.85 | |

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| Town of Becket, compressor | 77.00 | |
| Ashley Falls Sand and Gravel Co., roller | 4.12 | |
| Universal Crane Co., crane | 365.00 | |
| | | 795.97 |

## CHAPTER 81 MATERIAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State Prison, signs and posts | $20.00 | |
| Railway Express Co., express on signs | 3.12 | |
| Frances Brown, gravel | 40.80 | |
| Ernest Schulze, wooden guard rails | 4.70 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., lag screws, aluminum paint | 5.52 | |
| J. C. Ballou, files, twine, dynamite caps, tools | 16.26 | |
| American Tar Co., tar & distillate | 130.78 | |
| Pierson Hardware Co., shovels, scythe, etc. | 56.97 | |
| George E. Lester, painting signs | 15.00 | |
| Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts | 261.58 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., Burgraco, stone and sand | 276.22 | |
| Earl Levernoch, gravel | 176.95 | |
| Jacob Zeitler, sharpening tools | 8.75 | |
| | | 1,016.65 |
| | | $8,580.43 |

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $500.00 |
| County Appropriation | | 500.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 1,000.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 2.81 |
| | | $2,002.81 |
| Harry W. Madigan, Sup't | $42.50 | |
| Harry W. Madigan, car | 12.75 | |
| James Galliher, labor | 38.00 | |
| Francis Lane, labor | 37.00 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 35.50 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 31.50 | |
| Henry May, labor | 27.00 | |
| William Walden, labor | 30.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Irwin Levernoch, labor | 4.00 | |
| Charles Decker, labor | 27.00 | |
| William Andrews, roller operator | 12.49 | |
| Edward Gargan, truck driver | 1.50 | |
| L. H. Harris, truck | 1.00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 106.90 | |
| John Peer, truck | 127.93 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 145.80 | |
| Ashley Falls Sand & Gravel Co., roller | 27.50 | |
| Berkshire Sand & Gravel Co., sand & grits | 428.60 | |
| American Tar Co., Tarine | 865.84 | |
| | | $2,002.81 |

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $600.00 |
| County Appropriation | | 75.00 |
| | | $675.00 |
| Harry W. Madigan, Sup't | $59.66 | |
| Harry W. Madigan, car | 16.83 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 46.00 | |
| Arthur Maceria, 1012 ft. plank | 50.60 | |
| Belle Walden, truck | 1.50 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, making signs | 3.00 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 26.25 | |
| J. C. Ballou, nails, lumber, cement | 121.88 | |
| James Sanderson, labor | 10.50 | |
| Francis Lane, labor | 43.75 | |
| John Peer, truck and rent of pump | 30.88 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 9.75 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 33.00 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 9.00 | |
| James Galliher, labor | 6.75 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 38.50 | |
| Mrs. Alex Radwich, dam material | 3.00 | |
| Carl Pierce, cement | 14.00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand and stone | 37.57 | |
| Robert Sanderson, labor | 32.00 | |
| Henry May, labor | 12.00 | |
| | | 606.42 |
| Unexpended | | $68.58 |

## SNOW FENCE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $300.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 59.84 |
| Total Available | | $359.84 |
| Pierson Hardware Co., wire and hammer | $8.62 | |
| Harry W. Madigan, Sup't | 44.69 | |
| Harry W. Madigan, car | 9.35 | |
| Elmer Radwich, labor | 8.00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 29.50 | |
| James Galliher. labor | 7.00 | |
| Francis Lane, labor | 30.25 | |
| Leonard Levernoch, labor | 3.00 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 30.75 | |
| John Peer, truck | 13.75 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 24.00 | |
| Henry May, labor | 35.75 | |
| Edward Leighton, labor | 19.75 | |
| Robert Sanderson, labor | 29.75 | |
| Joseph Loehr, team | 6.50 | |
| Berkshire Trust Co., slabs | 10.00 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 40.00 | |
| J. C. Ballou, nails | 2.81 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., wire | 6.37 | |
| | | $359.84 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $90.00 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co. | 85.47 |
| Unexpended | $ 4.53 |

## OFFICERS BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriations | | $37.50 |
| Jane Ronsehausen, Treasurer and Clerk bonds | $12.50 | |
| Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co., Collector's bonds | 15.00 | |
| | | 27.50 |
| Unexpended | | $10.00 |

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $55.00 |
| Amos Gallant, Valley Cemetery | $25.00 | |
| Harry Shaw, East Cemetery | 5.00 | |
| Belle Walden, Center & West Cemeteries | 25.00 | |
| | | $55.00 |

## SONS & DAUGHTERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $35.00 |
| Margaret Schulze | 35.00 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $30.00 |
| Unexpended | 30.00 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | 50.00 |

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | 50.00 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $400.00 |
| Transferred to Chapter 90 Maintenance | $ 2.81 | |
| Transferred to Welfare Account | 163.58 | |
| Transferred to Snow Fence Account | 59.84 | |
| Transferred to Chapter 81 | .43 | |
| Transferred to Town Officers | 79.52 | |
| Transferred to Snow Account | 52.05 | |
| | | 358.23 |
| Unexpended | | $41.77 |

## TREE WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriaton | | $25.00 |
| John Wagner, labor | $4.00 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 12.00 | |
| Francis Lane, labor | 8.00 | |
| | | 24.00 |
| Unexpended | | $1.00 |

## EDEN GLEN DAM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $100.00 |
| Ed. Murray, compressor operator | $19.13 | |
| Alex Radwich, labor | 1.50 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 1.50 | |
| J. C. Ballou, lumber, nails | 11.10 | |
| Town of Becket, compressor | 21.00 | |
| | | 54.23 |
| Unexpended | | $45.77 |

## SCHOOL DOCTOR

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $500.00 |
| Dr. J. H. Fierman | 499.92 |
| Unexpended | $ .08 |

## WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $275.00 |
| M. D. E. Tower | 225.10 |
| Unexpended | $ 49.90 |

## BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $100.00 |
| Becket Fire Dep't | 100.00 |

## BERKSHIRE HEALTH UNIT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $126.00 |
| Berkshire Health Unit | 126.00 |

## BERKSHIRE HEALTH UNIT REIMBURSEMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $39.86 |
| Berkshire Health Unit | 39.86 |

## RECAPITULATION 1940

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | | $4,733.68 |
| Old Age Administration | | 75.48 |
| Welfare | | 2,046.48 |
| Snow Account | | 2,348.04 |
| Miscellaneous | | 521.58 |
| Town Officers | | 779.52 |
| Eden Glen Pond | | 54.23 |
| School Doctor | | 499.92 |
| Workman's Compensation | | 225.10 |
| Becket Fire Dep't | | 100.00 |
| Berkshire Health District, 1940 dues | | 126.00 |
| Berkshire Health District, Reimbursement | | 39.86 |
| Insurance on Buildings | | 85.47 |
| Officers Bonds | | 27.50 |
| Machinery | | 315.08 |
| Cemetery | | 55.00 |
| Sons & Daughters | | 35.00 |
| Snow Fence | | 359.84 |
| Chapt. 81—Labor and Material omitting tractor earnings | | 8,286.43 |
| Bridges | | 606.42 |
| Tree Warden | | 24.00 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | | 2,002.81 |
| Total Selectmen's Orders | | $23,347.44 |
| Reserve Account | $358.23 | |
| Tractor earnings, Chapter 81 | 294.00 | |

JOHN L. PEER,

HARRY C. SHAW,

C. A. R. SIMMONS,

Board of Selectmen.

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS REPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| H. C. Shaw, mileage and services | $15.76 | |
| H. C. Shaw, lemons, sugar, sandwiches and coffee, etc., for entertainers and guests | 8.41 | |
| C. G. Brigham, plates, cups, etc. | 4.10 | |
| George Ende, setting up tables | 2.00 | |
| Andrew Methe, helping move piano | 2.75 | |
| Clinton Wood, helping move piano | 1.00 | |
| C. W. Peer, helping move piano | 1.00 | |
| | | $35.02 |

MARGUERITE SCHULZE, Treasurer.

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Washington, Mass.
Dec. 27, 1940

I have made the annual inspection of animals for the year of 1940 and find the animals and barns in satisfactory condition.

There are 138 cows.
There are 89 young cattle.
There are 10 bulls.
There are 16 swine.
There are 13 sheep.
There are 19 goats.
There are 8 oxen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH N. BLOTZ,
Inspector of Animals.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1940 | $8,724.51 | |
| Taxes, 1937 | 57.70 | |
| Taxes, 1938 | 907.40 | |
| Taxes, 1939 | 651.38 | |
| Taxes, 1940 | 3,784.40 | |
| Motor Excise, 1936 | 1.54 | |
| Motor Excise, 1937 | 17.97 | |
| Motor Excise, 1938 | 8.00 | |
| Motor Excise, 1939 | 63.30 | |
| Motor Excise, 1940 | 795.59 | |
| Interest on taxes | 99.72 | |
| Demands on poll tax | 2.10 | |
| Income Tax | 481.67 | |
| Mass. School Fund Part 2, 1939 | 1,518.02 | |
| School Supt. | 385.15 | |
| High School Transportation | 839.53 | |
| High School Tuition | 946.35 | |
| Tuition of Children | 141.25 | |
| Vocational School Refund | 180.47 | |
| Loss of taxes | 3,278.91 | |
| Highways, Chapter 504, 1939 | 2,889.79 | |
| Corporation tax, electric light and water | 37.33 | |
| State Division of Livestock | 13.00 | |
| State Aid to Highways | 9,344.47 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant | 2,101.24 | |
| Old Age Administration | 69.99 | |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 1,365.64 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Towns | 12.50 | |
| County dog refund | 97.19 | |
| Dog licenses | 121.80 | |
| County aid to highways | 950.00 | |
| Welfare, towns | 60.00 | |
| Welfare, individuals | 109.50 | |
| Selectmen licenses | 362.50 | |
| Revenue loan | 2,500.00 | |
| Court fines | 70.00 | |
| County bridges | 75.00 | |
| Corporation tax, business | 22.67 | |
| Temporary aid and transportation | 294.00 | |
| Income tax (Sect. 18, Chap. 58, gen. laws) | 638.04 | |
| | | $44,019.62 |

## EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State Tax | $640.00 | |
| State Parks | 8.95 | |
| State Audit | 98.69 | |
| Veterans' Exemption | 1.77 | |
| County Tax | 398.79 | |
| Dog Licenses | 121.80 | |
| Revenue Loan | 2,500.00 | |
| School orders | 7,320.37 | |
| Selectmen orders | 23 347.44 | |
| Excise Tax refund | 16.40 | |
| Interest and discount on note | 7.23 | |
| Cash in bank Dec. 31, 1940 | 9,371.97 | |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1940 | 186.21 | |
| | | $44,019.62 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Treasurer.

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident Citizens' fishing, 10 | $20.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' hunting, 8 | 16.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' sporting, 4 | 13.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' female and minor, 9 | 11.25 | |
| Resident Citizens' sporting, free 4 | | $60.25 |
| Fees retained | | 7.75 |
| | | $52.50 |
| Male dogs licensed, 41 | $82.00 | |
| Female dogs licensed, 7 | 35.00 | |
| Spayed female dogs licensed, 8 | 16.00 | |
| | | $133.00 |
| Fees retained | | 11.20 |
| | | $121.80 |

## BIRTHS

| | |
|---|---|
| May 30, 1938 | Terrence Justin Lampro, son of Wilfred Lampro and Gertrude (Dunn) Lampro. |
| May 6, 1940 | Shirley Edith Wagner, daughter of Norbert Wagner and Edith Selicia (Peer) Wagner. |
| July 27, 1940 | Brian Henry Lampro, son of Wilfred Lampro and Gertrude (Dunn) Lampro. |
| Aug. 31, 1940 | Chester Randolph Williams, son of Donald Haslam Williams and Sarah Grace (Odell) Williams. |
| Oct. 8, 1940 | John Robert Gardner, son of John Gaffney Gardner and Martha B. (Schulze) Gardner. |

## DEATHS

| | |
|---|---|
| June 3, 1940 | George M. Sanders, age 75. |
| Sept. 19, 1940 | Sylvester Dellear, age 50. |
| Sept. 19, 1940 | Madeline Clark, age 47. |
| Nov. 14, 1940 | Myron Curtis Messenger, age 88. |

## MARRIAGES

| | |
|---|---|
| Jan. 1, 1940 | John Gardner and Martha B. Schulze. |
| Aug. 25, 1940 | Irving Radwich and Helen Wescott. |
| Oct. 24, 1940 | Joseph Patrick Sullivan and Helen Louise Methe. |
| Nov. 9, 1940 | Zigmund J. Zaleski and Margaret V. Wood. |
| Dec. 28, 1940 | Bernard Sadlowski and Nina Leon Sheean. |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Town Clerk.

# ASSESSORS' REPORT

## 1940

## RECAPITULATION

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation | | $18,844.86 | |
| Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds | | 1,566.27 | |
| | | | $20,411.13 |
| State Tax | $640.00 | | |
| State Parks & Reservations | 9.66 | | |
| State Audit | 98.69 | | |
| Veterans' Exemptions | 1.58 | | |
| | | $749.93 | 749.93 |
| County Tax | $398.79 | | |
| Berkshire Health Unit | 126.00 | | |
| | | $524.79 | 524.79 |
| Overlay of current year | | | 158.93 |
| GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED | | | $21,844.78 |

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Income Tax | $962.93 | |
| Corporation Taxes | 31.06 | |
| Reimbursement on Account State Owned Land | 3,308.58 | |
| Gasoline Tax (Acts of 1939, Ch. 232 & 504) | 2,889.79 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 450.00 | |
| Licenses | 350.00 | |
| Health and Sanitation | 12.50 | |
| Charities | 400.00 | |
| Schools | 3,000.00 | |
| Interest: On Taxes & Assessments $100 | 100.00 | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | | $12,504.86 |
| Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds. | | |
| State Parks | $1.36 | |
| Veterans' Exemption | .05 | |
| Amounts voted to be taken from available funds: | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| a. $3,866.27 Approved Feb. 27, 1940 | | |
| b. 400.00 Approved Apr. 16, 1940 | | |
| c. 13.75 Approved Apr. 17, 1940 | 4,280.02 | |
| | | 4,281.43 |
| Total estimated receipts & available funds | | $16,786.29 |
| Net amount to be raised by taxation on Polls & Property | | $5,058.49 |
| Number of Polls, 82 at $2.00 each | $164.00 | |
| Total Valuation: Personal Property $26,506; tax rate $24; tax | 636.14 | |
| Real Estate $177,431; tax rate $24; tax | 4,258.35 | |
| Total taxes levied on Polls & Property | | $5,058.49 |

1940 tax rate fixed on May 8, 1940.

HARRY D. OLDS,
MARY BLACK,
ERNEST F. SCHULZE,
Board of Assessors.

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

of Polls, Property, and Taxes, as Assessed January 1, 1940.

| Number of Persons Assessed | Individuals | All Others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Personal Estate only | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| On Real Estate only | 83 | 3 | 86 |
| On both Personal & Real Estate | 20 | | 20 |
| Total | | | 119 |
| Number of Male Polls assessed | | | 82 |
| 2 omitted, making 84 | | | |

## VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stock in trade | none | |
| Machinery | $ 450.00 | |
| Live Stock | 8,056.00 | |
| All other tangible Personal Property | 18,000.00 | |
| Total | | $26,506.00 |

## VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Land exclusive of buildings | $117,726.00 | |
| Buildings exclusive of land | 59,705.00 | |
| Total value of assessed Real Estate | | 177,431.00 |
| Total valuation of assessed Estate | | $203,937.00 |

Tax rate per $1,000—$24.00.

## TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND TOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING OVERLAY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On Personal Estate | $ 636.14 | |
| On Real Estate | 4,258.35 | |
| On Polls (plus $4.00 omitted) | 164.00 | |
| Total Taxes Assessed | | $5,058.49 |

## NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

| | |
|---|---|
| Horses (1 yr. old or over) | 34 |
| Neat Cattle: | |
| Cows (Milch) (1 yr. old or over) | 139 |
| Yearlings, bulls, heifers, etc. | 66 |
| Swin (6 months old) | 13 |
| Sheep (6 months old) | 43 |
| Fowl | 1098 |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | 88 |
| Number of acres of land assessed | 13,180 |

HARRY D. OLDS,

MARY BAACK,

ERNEST F. SCHULZE,

Board of Assessors.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## 1936 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1936 | $231.62 | Warrants | $563.66 |
| Pd. Treas. in 1937 | 235.98 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1938 | 32.90 | | |
| Abated in 1938 | 2.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1939 | 40.68 | | |
| Abated in 1940 | 18.94 | | |
| Collected in 1940 | 1.54 | | |
| | $563.66 | | $563.66 |

1936 Int. Collected in 1940—$6.47

## 1937 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1937 prop. taxes | $6,052.30 | Prop. tax warrant | $8,565.14 |
| Abated prop taxes | 117.30 | Poll tax warrant | 158.00 |
| Certified to tax title | 195.30 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1937 poll taxes | 134.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1938 poll taxes | 22.00 | | |
| Abated in 1938 poll taxes | 2.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1938 prop. taxes | 999.55 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1939 prop. taxes | 1,139.63 | | |
| Abated prop. taxes in 1939 | 3.36 | | |
| Collected in 1940 | 57.70 | | |
| | $8,723.14 | | $8,723.14 |

## 1937 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1937 | $280.42 | Warrants | $618.72 |
| Abated in 1937 | 25.87 | Additional Warrant | 50.90 |
| Abated in 1938 | 95.32 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1938 | 236.01 | | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1939 | 4.89 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1940 | 17.97 | | |
| Abated in 1940 | 5.12 | | |
| Uncollected | 4.02 | | |
| | $669.62 | | $669.62 |

1937 Int. Collected in 1940—$16.93

1938 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1938 prop. taxes | $4,727.46 | Real Est. Warrant | $5,889.11 |
| Abated in 1938 | 100.66 | Personal tax warrant | 812.46 |
| Certifiedto tax title | 69.30 | Poll tax warrant | 146.00 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes in 1938 | 118.00 | Detailed taxes more than warrant | .01 |
| Pd. Treas. in 1939 poll taxes | 16.00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes in 1939 | 10.00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 2.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1939 prop. taxes | 720.49 | | |
| Abated prop. taxes | 2.65 | | |
| Collected in 1940 | 907.40 | | |
| Uncollected | 173.62 | | |
| | $6,847.58 | | $6,847.58 |

1938 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1938 | $467.23 | Warrants | $836.28 |
| Pd. Treas. in 1939 | 32.93 | | |
| Abated in 1938 | 316.22 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1940 | 8.00 | | |
| Abated in 1940 | 8.15 | | |
| Uncollected | 3.75 | | |
| | $836.28 | | $836.28 |

1938 Int. Collected in 1940—$58.14

## 1939 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1939 prop. taxes | $3,724.37 | Real Est. warrant | $4,414.02 |
| Abated prop. taxes in 1939 | 171.78 | Personal tax warrant | 657.85 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes in 1939 | 116.00 | Poll tax warrant | 172.00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 18.00 | Omitted R.E. tax | 9.25 |
| Abated and refunded poll taxes | 4.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes in 1940 | 28.00 | | |
| Abated in 1940 poll taxes | 4.00 | | |
| Uncollected poll tax | 2.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. prop. taxes in 1940 | 623.38 | | |
| Uncollected | 561.59 | | |
| | $5,253.12 | | $5,253.12 |

## 1939 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1939 | $457.41 | Warrants | $538.77 |
| Abated | 10.06 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1940 | 63.30 | | |
| Abated in 1940 | 2.00 | | |
| Uncollected | 6.00 | | |
| | $538.77 | | $538.77 |

1939 Int. Collected in 1940—$17.31. Costs $2.10

## 1940 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. prop taxes | $3,670.40 | Real Est. warrant | $4,258.35 |
| Abated prop taxes | 68.64 | Personal tax warrant | 636.14 |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 1,155.45 | Poll tax warrant | 164.00 |
| | | Omitted poll tax war. | 4.00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 114.00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes | 22.00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 32.00 | | |
| | $5,062.49 | | $5,062.49 |
| | 1940 Excise Taxes | | |
| Pd. Treas. | $795.59 | Warrants | $825.49 |
| Abated | 7.65 | | |
| Uncollected | 22.25 | | |
| | $825.49 | | $825.49 |

Total Int. Collected in 1940—$0.87

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
Collector of Taxes.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have compared the vouchers with the Treasurer and Selectmen, and find them to agree and examined the books of the Tax Collector.

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
Auditor.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $7,500.00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,235.00 | |
| Martha Gardner, teacher | 684.00 | |
| Nellie J. Hunt, teacher | 380.00 | |
| Gladys Leasot, art supervisor | 100.00 | |
| Massachusetts Retirement | 121.00 | |
| J. J. Rolfe, superintendent | 614.20 | |
| Superintendent expenses | 30.90 | |
| City of Pittsfield, High School tuition | 589.21 | |
| City of Pittsfield, Elementary tuition | 181.84 | |
| Town of Dalton, High School tuition | 647.73 | |
| Town of Dalton, Elementary tuition | 63.84 | |
| Frank Couture, local transportation | 900.00 | |
| Frank Couture, high school transportation | 2.00 | |
| Martha Gardner, local transportation | 51.25 | |
| C. A. Wallin, high school transportation | 1,104.00 | |
| Nina Comerford, high school transportation | 12.00 | |
| Text books | 44.57 | |
| Stationery and supplies | 61.16 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, janitor | 125.60 | |
| Fuel | 154.20 | |
| Lights | 12.69 | |
| Repairs | 121.83 | |
| Library | 19.31 | |
| New equipment | 27.57 | |
| Miscellaneous | 30.47 | |
| School Committee, attending joint committee meetings | 6.00 | |
| | | 7,320.37 |
| Unexpended | | $179.63 |

BERTHA POMEROY,
MAY SANDERSON,
FLORENCE SIMMONS,
School Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Washington, Mass.:

I hereby submit my second annual report.

### ENROLLMENT

The following table shows the school population in the Valley School as of January 1, 1941:

| Teacher Grades | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hunt, Nellie | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | | | |
| May, Mrs. Maude | | | | | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | |

The total of 43 pupils is 2 less than last year. Joseph Loehr is attending grade VII in Pittsfield, Peter Loehr attends grade IV in Pittsfield, Dorothy Frye attends grade IV in Pittsfield. The total number of elementary school pupils is 46.

### HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

**Dalton High School**

Grade XII, Elizabeth Sanderson; Grade X, Edith Radwich, Arnold Radwich, Norman Sanderson; Grade IX, Laura Sanderson.

**Pittsfield Senior High School**

Grade XII, Carl Peer; Grade XI, Ralph Simmons.

**Pittsfield Central Junior High**

Grade IX, Jacqueline Couture, Barbara Peer.

**Pittsfield Vocational School**

Grade XII, Harry Madigan; Grade XI, Charles Lane.

**Pittsfield St. Joseph's High School**

Grade XI, Stella Methe; Grade X, William Robinson.

Total—13.

### HIGH SCHOOL TUITION RATES

Tuition rates have increased in both Dalton and Pittsfield this year. The rate at Dalton has increased $4.42, having gone up from $105.00 to $109.42. The Pittsfield High School rate, after a decrease of $1.81 last year, has increased $6.95, having advanced from $98.92 to $105.57. The Vocational School rate remains the same at $100.00 per year.

### REIMBURSEMENTS

The following reimbursements were received from the Commonwealth during 1940:

| | |
|---|---|
| General School Fund: Part I | $666.25 |
| General School Fund: Part II | 1,518.02 |
| Tuition of State Wards | 141.25 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Account of Union Superintendent | 385.15 | |
| High School Tuition | 946.35 | |
| High School Transportation | 839.53 | |
| Vocational Tuition | 60.00 | |
| Vocational Transportation | 158.40 | |
| Total 1940 Reimbursements | $4,714.95 | |
| Total Expenditures | | $7,320.37 |
| Total 1940 Reimbursement | | 4,714.95 |
| Net Cost of High School and Elementary Education 1940 | | $2,605.42 |

## BUDGET FOR 1941

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Teachers' Salaries | $2,400.00 |
| 2. | Textbooks | 50.00 |
| 3. | Stationery and Supplies | 60.00 |
| 4. | Janitor | 125.00 |
| 5. | Fuel | 135.00 |
| 6. | Lights | 12.00 |
| 7. | Library | 20.00 |
| 8. | Health | 75.00 |
| 9. | Local Transportation | 1,000.00 |
| 10. | High School Transportation | 1,200.00 |
| 11. | Elementary Tuition | 150.00 |
| 12. | High School Tuition | 1,300.00 |
| 13. | Superintendent's Salary and Expense | 645.00 |
| 14. | New Equipment and Repairs | 200.00 |
| 15. | Miscellaneous | 28.00 |
| | Total 1941 Budget | $7,400.00 |

This is a decrease of $100.00 from the budget for 1940.

## SCHOOL BUILDING

During the past year an effort has been made to brighten up the interior of the building and make it as cheerful as possible. Last summer Mr. Harold Burnham contracted to paint the walls and interior of the building. An excellent grade of paint was used in order that it might stand washing. Inasmuch

as the paint becomes dirty in a very short time on account of stove and train smoke, a washable paint is very necessary. New shades were purchased for all windows. The teachers have made a determined effort to make their rooms attractive and by putting curtains at the windows, having various equipment painted, and insisting that the rooms be kept neat, have in a large measure succeeded.

New floors which will be laid next summer in at least part of the building will be one step more toward making the school a good rural school instead of a poor one. Running water and indoor toilets should be the next step. Inasmuch as the net cost to the Town of Washington of the education of all its children, both elementary and high school, is less than three thousand dollars per year, it seems that very serious consideration should be given to providing at least what is generally accepted as minimum rural school requirements. Please note that this year's net cost was but $2 605.42

## EQUIPMENT

In last year's town report I stated that in two more years our textbooks would be up to date ones. This year we have made satisfactory progress toward this goal by purchasing music books for all our pupils, and by starting to renew our reading books in the lower grades. Previously the music books used were of such a nature that the teachers were severely handicapped in their teaching.

## TEACHERS

We had one change in our teaching staff, occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. Martha Gardner. Miss Nellie Hunt of Mount Washington was elected for the position. Miss Hunt, who came to us with the highest of recommendations and scholarship achievement, is a four year graduate of Westfield Teachers College. For a number of years she has been librarian at Mount Washington.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. John J. Rolfe
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Rolfe:

The following is the report of school nursing done in the Town of Washington for the year 1940.

Early in the fall the physical examinations were done by Dr. Fierman, school physician. The defects found were as follows: enlarged tonsils 27; enlarged cervical glands 16; eyes 2; systolic murmur of heart 2; posture 11.

In November the audiometer test was given in all except the first and second grades. Of the 29 pupils who took the test only 4 need to be retested.

A diphtheria immunization clinic was started in November. Ten children received the three inoculations given for the protection against this disease.

Visits were made to the school every two weeks for the purpose of conferring with the teachers regarding the health of the pupils. Visits were made to the homes as indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE K. CONLEY,
School Nurse.

## REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

Mr. John Rolfe
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Rolfe:

During the past year drawing was correlated with many school subjects. An organized unit consisting of eighth grade girls constructed large group posters of Belgium, South America, Holland and the Interior of an Early American Home. They supervised the whole thing. A child left his own responsibility progresses much more rapidly.

Interior decoration, design work and perspective were some of the problems taken up during the year. Quite a few sand table projects were worked out in connection with their geography.

The children of the lower grades did very well during the past year. A great deal of time was spent on free hand drawing. Without this training, the children would be unable to do good work as they grow older. Drawing, like music, must be practised every day.

Where there is the utmost cooperation between pupils, teachers, and supervisor many fine projects can be carried out. To do this we must first get the interest of the child, second the grade teacher must acquire a whole-hearted interest for she must carry on where the supervisor left off.

In closing I wish to thank the teachers of Washington and the Superintendent for their loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS F. LEASOT,
Art Supervisor.

### Conclusion

The cooperation of the School Committee, the teachers, and the townspeople of Washington, during the past year, is deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. ROLFE,
Superintendent of Schools.

# REPORT OF AN AUDIT

December 27, 1940

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. John L. Peer, Chairman
Washington, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from December 12, 1939, to December 7, 1940, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from December 12, 1939, the date of the previous examination, to December 7, 1940, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid to the town. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book was footed, and the cash balance on December 7, 1940, was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balances with a statement received from the depository.

The records of licenses granted by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses issued and the payments to the treasurer were verified. The surety bonds filed with the town by individuals to whom liquor licenses were issued were examined and checked.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination were audited and subsequent commitments were verified by a comparison with the warrants issued by the assessors for their collec-

tion. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved. The cash on hand December 7, 1940, was proved by actual count.

The outstanding accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued, the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand December 7, 1940, was proved by actual count.

The computation of the 1940 tax rate by the assessors was checked, and it was noted that the amount raised by taxation was $352.50 in excess of the amount required to be raised in 1940.

Attention is called to the fact that it is unnecessary for the town to appropriate the unexpended old age assistance federal grant balances of the preceding year, as these amounts are available for expenditure without town meeting action, in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 118A, General Laws, as amended.

The records of bills sent for collection by the public welfare department, including the bureau of old age assistance, were examined and checked in detail. The departmental records of charges were analyzed, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 7, 1940. This balance sheet indicates that the town is in excellent financial condition.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, as well as summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

The care and accuracy with which the officials have kept their accounts greatly facilitated the progress of the audit.

While engaged in making the audit, co-operation was received from all the town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | | $8,733.90 | |
| Receipts December 12 to December 31, 1939, | | 2,199.90 | |
| | | | $10,933.80 |
| Payments December 12 to 31, 1939, | | $2,209.29 | |
| Balance December 31, 1939, | | 8,724.51 | |
| | | | $10,933.80 |
| Balance January 1, 1940, | | $8,724.51 | |
| Receipts January 1 to December 7, 1940, | | 34,006.57 | |
| | | | $42,731.08 |
| Payments January 1 to December 7, 1940, | | $32,012.88 | |
| Balance December 7, 1940: | | | |
| Cash in office, verified, | $204.08 | | |
| Pittsfield-Third National Bank and Trust Company, | 10,514.12 | | |
| | | 10,718.20 | |
| | | | $42,731.08 |

*Pittsfield-Third National Bank and Trust Company*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance December 7, 1940, per statement, | | $11,122.43 |
| Balance December 7, 1940, per check book, | $10,514.12 | |
| Outstanding checks December 7, 1940, per list, | 608.31 | |
| | | $11,122.43 |

### TAXES—1937

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | | $161.11 |
| Payments to treasurer December 12 to 31, 1939, | $100.05 | |
| Abatements December 12 to 31, 1939, | 3.36 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1939, | 57.70 | |
| | | $161.11 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1940, | | $57.70 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | | $57.70 |

### TAXES—1938

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | | $1,159.92 |
| Payments to treasurer December 12 to 31, 1939, | $74.25 | |
| Abatements December 12 to 31, 1939, | 2.65 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1939, | 1,083.02 | |
| | | $1,159.92 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1940, | | $1,083.02 |
| Payments to Treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $837.34 | |
| Outstanding December 7, 1940, per list, | 245.68 | |
| | | $1,083.02 |

## TAXES—1939

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | $1,333.85 | |
| Additional commitment December 12 to 31, 1939, | 9.25 | |
| | | $1,343.10 |
| Payments to treasurer December 12 to 31, 1939, | $124.13 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1939, | 1,218.97 | |
| | | $1,343.10 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1940, | | $1,218.97 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $576.88 | |
| Abatements January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 4 00 | |
| Outstanding December 7, 1940, per list, | 636.09 | |
| Cash on hand December 7, 1940, verified, | 2.00 | |
| | | $1,218.97 |

## TAXES—1940

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitment per warrant, January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $5,058.49 | |
| Overpayment to treasurer to be adjusted, | .30 | |
| | | $5,058.79 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $3,772.76 | |
| Abatements January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 90.64 | |
| Outstanding December 7, 1940, per list, | 1,195.39 | |
| | | $5,058.79 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1936

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | | $30.48 |
| Payments to treasurer December 12 to 31, 1939, | $10.00 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1939, | 20.48 | |
| | | $30.48 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1940, | | $20.48 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $1.54 | |
| Abatements January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 18.94 | |
| | | $20.48 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1937

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | | $27.11 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1939, | | $27.11 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1940, | | $27.11 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $17.97 | |
| Abatements January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 5.12 | |
| Outstanding December 7, 1940, per list, | 4.02 | |
| | | $27.11 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1938

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | | $19.90 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1939, | | $19.90 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1940, | | $19.90 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $8.00 | |
| Outstanding December 7, 1940, per list, | 11.90 | |
| | | $19.90 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1939

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | $6.00 | |
| Additional commitment December 12 to 31, 1939, | 9.02 | |
| | | $15.02 |
| Payments to treasurer December 12 to 31, 1939, | $2.00 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1939, | 13.02 | |
| | | $15.02 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1940, | $13.02 | |
| Additional commitments January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 58.28 | |
| Abatements after payment refunded January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 1.11 | |
| | | $72.41 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $61.30 | |
| Abatements January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 1.11 | |
| Outstanding December 7, 1940, per list, | 10.00 | |
| | | $72.41 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1940

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitments per warrants January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $807.24 | |
| Abatement after payment refunded January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 15.29 | |
| | | $822.53 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $773.94 | |
| Abatements January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 22.94 | |
| Outstanding December 7, 1940, per list, | 25.65 | |
| | | $822.53 |

## INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Collections December 12, 1939, to December 7, 1940: | | |
| Interest: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1937, | $21.30 | |
| Levy of 1938, | 56.25 | |
| Levy of 1939, | 16.65 | |
| Levy of 1940, | .60 | |
| | | $94.80 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Motor vehicle excise taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1936, | $6.47 | | |
| Levy of 1937, | 3.07 | | |
| Levy of 1938, | .85 | | |
| Levy of 1939, | .14 | | |
| Levy of 1940, | .27 | | |
| | | 10.80 | |
| Costs: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1937, | $2.45 | | |
| Levy of 1938, | 4.55 | | |
| Levy of 1939, | 2.80 | | |
| | | 9 80 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1937, | $1.40 | | |
| Levy of 1938, | .35 | | |
| Levy of 1939, | 1.05 | | |
| Levy of 1940, | 3.50 | | |
| | | 6.30 | |
| | | | $121.70 |
| Payments to treasurer: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| December 12 to 31, 1939, | $12.15 | | |
| January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 93.36 | | |
| | | $105.51 | |
| Costs: | | | |
| January 1 to December 7, 1940, | | 2.10 | |
| Costs retained: | | | |
| December 12 to 31, 1939, | $1.40 | | |
| January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 12.60 | | |
| | | 14.00 | |
| Cash in hand December 7, 1940, verified: | | | |
| Interest on taxes 1939, | | .09 | |
| | | | $121.70 |

## TAX TITLES

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | $178.30 |
| Balance December 31, 1939, | $178.30 |
| Balance January 1, 1940, | $178.30 |
| Tax titles foreclosed January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $178.30 |

## SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to December 7, 1940: | | |
| Liquor, | $350.00 | |
| Common victuallers', | 4.00 | |
| Sunday, | 2.00 | |
| Junk, | 6.00 | |
| Recreational camp, | .50 | |
| | | $362.50 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | | $362.50 |

## TOWN CLERK

*Dog Licenses*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to December 7, 1940: | | | |
| Males, | 41 @ $2.00, | $82.00 | |
| Spayed females, | 8 @ 2.00, | 16.00 | |
| Females, | 7 @ 5.00, | 35.00 | |
| | | | $133.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | | $121.80 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to December 7, 1940: 56 @ 20¢, | | 11.20 | |
| | | | $133.00 |

*Sporting Licenses*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | | | $5.25 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game December 12 to 31, 1939, | | | $5.25 |
| Licenses issued January 1 to December 7, 1940: | | | |
| Resident citizens' fishing, | 10 @ $2.00, | $20.00 | |
| Resident citizens' hunting, | 8 @ 2.00, | 16.00 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting, | 4 @ 3.25, | 13.00 | |
| Resident citizen minors and females' fishing, | 9 @ 1.25, | 11.25 | |
| | | | $60.25 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game January 1 to December 7, 1940, | | $50.75 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to December 7, 1940: 31 @ 25¢, | | 7.75 | |
| Cash on hand December 7, 1940, verified: | | 1.75 | |
| | | | $60.25 |

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

*Accounts Receivable*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | | $60.00 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1939, | | $60.00 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1940, | $60.00 | |
| Charges January 1 to December 7, 1940, | 805.00 | |
| | | $865.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $60.00 | |
| Outstanding December 7, 1940, per list, | 805.00 | |
| | | $865.00 |

## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

*Accounts Receivable*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 12, 1939, per previous audit, | | $209.17 |
| Payments to treasurer December 12 to 31, 1939, | | 209.17 |
| Charges January 1 to December 7, 1940, | | $1,379.82 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 7, 1940, | $1,238.98 | |
| Outstanding December 7, 1940, per list, | 140.84 | |
| | | $1,379.82 |

# TOWN OF WASHINGTON

**Balance Sheet—December 7, 1940**

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### Assets

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | $10,718.20 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1938, | $245.68 | |
| Levy of 1939, | 638.09 | |
| Levy of 1940, | 1,195.09 | |
| | | 2,078.86 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1937, | $4.02 | |
| Levy of 1938, | 11.90 | |
| Levy of 1939, | 10.00 | |
| Levy of 1940, | 25.65 | |
| | | 51.57 |
| Departmental: | | |
| Public Welfare, | $805.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance, | 140.84 | |
| | | 945.84 |
| Aid to Highways—State, | | 1,072.55 |
| Underestimate 1940—to be Raised: | | |
| Veterans' Exemption, | | .19 |
| Overdrawn Account: | | |
| Highways—Chapter 81, | | 789.79 |
| | | $15,657.00 |

### Liabilities and Reserves

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | $138.41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | 294.00 |
| State Parks and Reservations Tax—Overestimate, | | .71 |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | |
| Assistance, | $197.50 | |
| Administration, | 72.52 | |
| | | 270.02 |
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances, | | 3,020.10 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 506.93 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1938, | $162.80 | |
| Levy of 1939, | 131.68 | |
| Levy of 1940, | 68.29 | |
| | | 362.77 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, | $51.57 | |
| Departmental, | 945.84 | |
| State and County Aid to Highways, | 1,072.55 | |
| | | 2,069.96 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | |
| Prior Years, | $6,918.97 | |
| Current Year, | 2,075.13 | |
| | | 8,994.10 |
| | | $15,657.00 |

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## TOWN WARRANT 1942

The Polls will open at 10 A.M. and close at 2 P.M. and the Business meeting will open at 1 P.M. and continue until finished.

**Art. 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers, one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor, and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3.** To hear the reports of the various Town Officers, and to act thereon.

**Art. 4.** To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense and suits against the Town for the ensuing year and bring suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 5.** To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 6.** To hear and act on the report of Doctor Fierman and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 or any other sum for a School Doctor or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year beginning January 1st, 1942 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44 of General Laws.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $819.98 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendation) Maintenance of Highways, (Chapter 81) $780.00. Snow Removal $1200.00, Repairs and Maintenance of Bridges $500.00, Town Officers $700.00, Chapter 90 Maintenance $500.00, Miscellaneous $575.00, Tree Warden $25.00, Officers Bonds $37.50, Discount on Notes $30.00, Forest Warden $100.00, Old Age Assistance $4000.00, Old Age Administration $31.71, Public Welfare $2500.00, Cemeteries $55.00, Snow Fence $350.00, Becket Fire Department $100.00, Fire Insurance on Buildings $90.00, Sons and Daughters $45.00, Workmen's Compensation $200.50, Soldiers Relief $50.00, Eden Glen Pond $25.00, Board of Health $50.00, Reserve Account $400.00, Town Hall $30.00, Concreting Spring for School Water Supply $40.00.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Air Raid Defense.

**Art.11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to the amount of $5000.00 from available funds towards the reduction of 1942 Tax rate.

**Art. 12.** To choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark and Sextons.

**Art. 13.** To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

# TOWN OFFICERS IN 1941

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

C. A. R. Simmons

## SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| John L. Peer, Chairman | Term expires 1941 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1942 |
| Harry Shaw | Term expires 1943 |

## ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Mary Baack | Term expires 1941 |
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1942 |
| Harry Olds, Chairman | Term expires 1943 |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Florence Simmons, Chairman | Term expires 1941 |
| Mae Sanderson | Term expires 1942 |
| Bertha Pomeroy | Term expires 1943 |

## TREE WARDEN

Harry Madigan

## AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR

Marguerite Schulze

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Selectmen

## SEXTONS

| | |
|---|---|
| Amos Gallant (Valley) | Harry C. Shaw (East) |
| Belle Walden (Centre) | Belle Walden (West) |

## APPOINTEES

FOREST WARDEN
John Campbell, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph Blotz

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING
George Ende  Joseph N. Blotz

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS
Harry Madigan

FIELD DRIVERS
John L. Peer  John Wagner  William Little

POUND KEEPER
William Little

CONSTABLES
Amos Gallant  David Watson  Marguerite Schulze

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1941 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting and Special Meeting March 21, 1941.
Raised and Appropriated

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Schools | $7,400.00 | |
| School Doctor | 500.00 | |
| Chapter 81 | 780.00 | |
| Snow Removal and Sanding | 1,500.00 | |
| Bridges | 600.00 | |
| Town Officers | 700.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 575.00 | |
| Tree Warden | 25.00 | |
| Officers Bonds | 37.50 | |
| Discount on Notes | 30.00 | |
| Forest Warden | 100.00 | |
| Snow Fence | 350.00 | |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 | |
| Fire Insurance on Buildings | 90.00 | |
| Sons and Daughters | 35.00 | |
| Workman's Compensation | 219.24 | |
| Soldier's Relief | 50.00 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 200.00 | |
| Public Welfare | 4,000.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 3,000.00 | |
| Cemeteries | 55.00 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 500.00 | |
| Reserve Account | 400.00 | |
| Paint and Repair Town Hall | 200.00 | |
| Tax Titles | 5.00 | |
| Reduce Taxes | 6,000.00 | |
| Installing Toilets and Lavatories in Valley School | 800.00 | |
| Machinery Account | 648.61 | |
| Board of Health | 50.00 | |
| | | $28,950.35 |

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $3,000.00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,176.26 |
| Total Available | | $5,176.26 |
| Town Case No. 1 | $1,043.15 | |
| Town Case No. 6 Burial | 115.00 | |
| Town Case No. 10 | 135.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Town Case No. 13 | 360.00 | |
| Town Case No. 15 | 350.00 | |
| Town Case No. 16 | 360.00 | |
| Town Case No. 18 | 300.00 | |
| Town Case No. 19 | 300.00 | |
| Town Case No. 20 | 14.00 | |
| Town Case No. 21 | 360.00 | |
| Town Case No. 22 | 480.00 | |
| Town Case No. 23 | 360.00 | |
| Out of Town Case No. 7 | 378.00 | |
| State Case No. 5 | 360.00 | |
| Town of Becket Care of Town Case No. 8 | 249.23 | |
| | | $5,164.38 |
| Unexpended | | $11.88 |

## WELFARE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $4,000.00 |
| State Case No. 61, 52 weeks aid | $624.00 | |
| Chas. H. Bennett, Rent for Case No. 61 | 120.00 | |
| State Case No. 59, 52 weeks aid | 416.00 | |
| Montgomery Ward Co., Clothing for State Case No. 59 | 70.88 | |
| Out of Town Case No. 56, 16 weeks aid | 80.00 | |
| Dr. J. H. Fierman, Care of Out of Town Case No. 56 | 50.00 | |
| House of Mercy, Care of Out of Town Case No. 56 | 47.25 | |
| Hinsdale Drug Co., Medicine for Out of Town Case No. 56 | .75 | |
| City of Springfield, Care of Town Case No. 47, 1/1/40 to 7/31/41 | 722.50 | |
| City of Pittsfield, Care of Town Case No. 19 5/1/40 to 1/29/41 and burial | 334.86 | |
| Town of Becket, Aid to Town Case No. 64 | 20.36 | |
| Hillcrest Hospital, Care of Town Case No. 63 | 175.56 | |
| Samuel J. Reynolds, Storage on Surplus Commodities | 6.81 | |
| Wellington Funeral Home, Burial of Out of Town Case No. 55 | 110.00 | |
| Hillcrest Hospital, Care of Out of Town Case No. 55 | 283.70 | |
| Boston Council of Social Agencies, Social Service Index | 3.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Mabel Schulze, Rent of Town Case No. 23, 12/1/40 to 5/1/41 | 45.00 | |
| Dr. Rodman, Care of State Case No. 59 | 40.00 | |
| House of Mercy, 1 day care of State Case No. 61 | 2.00 | |
| Claude Goodell, Hauling Wood for Town Case No. 52 | 3.00 | |
| House of Mercy Hospital, Care of State Case No. 62, 9/7/41 to 9/19/41 | 46.20 | |
| Treasury of the United States, surplus commodities 1941 | 38.85 | |
| | | 3,240.72 |
| Unexpended | | $759.28 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended 1940 | | $41.09 |
| U. S. Grant | | 72.50 |
| Total Available | | $113.59 |
| Dorothy Durant, Stamped Envelopes | $12.00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, mileage, postage, phone | 69.88 | |
| | | 81.88 |
| Unexpended | | $31.71 |

## TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $ 5.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | 7.70 |
| Total Available | $12.70 |
| Margaret Schulze, Tax Title expenses on Norton and Weglowski property | $12.70 |

## SCHOOL DOCTOR

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $500.00 |
| Dr. J. H. Fierman | 499.92 |
| Unexpended | .08 |

## EDEN GLEN DAM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $200.00 |
| Town of Becket, Compressor and Operator | $46.00 | |
| Henry Lampro, Compressor Operator | 6.00 | |
| Edward Murray, Compressor Helper | 5.00 | |
| J. C. Ballou, lumber and nails | 10.05 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Alex. Radwich, labor | 32.00 | |
| John Peer, truck and labor | 21.00 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor | 3.75 | |
| Clinton Wood, labor | 2.25 | |
| | | 126.05 |
| Unexpended | | $ 73.95 |

## SOLDIER'S RELIEF

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $700.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 24.85 |
| Total Available | | $724.85 |
| Harold Burnham, two Registrations | $ 4.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Registrations, Clerk and Selectmen's Salaries | 202.00 | |
| Archie Daigle, Sealer of Weights and Measures 1940 | 10.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Checker, Assessor's Salary and annual meeting | 33.00 | |
| Dave Watson, Posting Warrants, building fires and shoveling snow at Town Hall | 8.50 | |
| Margaret Schulze, Collector's Salary and Auditors expenses | 110.75 | |
| William Walden, Checker | 3.00 | |
| Harry Shaw, Selectmen's Salary | 50.00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, Inspector of Slaughtering and Animals, quarantined dog | 39.25 | |
| Amos Gallant, Collecting Dog Taxes, 287 miles | 14.35 | |
| John L. Peer, Chairman Selectmen salary and moderator | 130.00 | |
| Mrs. Florence Simmons, Chairman of School Comm. | 25.00 | |
| Mrs. Bertha Pomeroy, School Committee | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. May Sanderson, School Committee | 5.00 | |
| Mary Baack, Assessor's Salary | 30.00 | |
| Harry Olds, Chairman Assessor's Salary | 50.00 | |
| George Ende, Inspector of Slaughtering | 5.00 | |
| | | $724.85 |

## SCHOOL WATER ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $800.00 |
| B. and A. Railroad, plan and permission to use water | $ 15.00 | |
| George Burnham, digging ditch | 115.00 | |
| C. N. Phillips, plumbing | 344.14 | |
| Carl Mosegard, carpenter | 64.50 | |
| Carleton Loveland, carpenter | 53.75 | |
| Howard Johnson, supplies and building material | 79.48 | |
| C. A. Pierce, paints and floor dressing | 12.75 | |
| Bisbee Bros., flooring, sash and glass | 115.38 | |
| | | $800.00 |

## TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $200.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 30.69 |
| Total Available | | $230.69 |
| Alex Radwich, labor | $97.50 | |
| Berkshire Lumber Co., lumber | 15.74 | |
| John Kelly, hauling lumber | 1.50 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., wire brushes and paints, white lead and putty | 66.71 | |
| J. C. Ballou, lumber | 22.24 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, labor | 12.00 | |
| John L. Peer, labor | 15.00 | |
| | | $230.69 |

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $55.00 |
| Amos Gallant, care Valley Cemetery | $25.00 | |
| Belle Walden, care West and Centre Cemetery | 25.00 | |
| Harry Shaw, care of East Cemetery | 5.00 | |
| | | $55.00 |

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $35.00 |
| Margaret Schulze, Treasurer | $35.00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $575.00 |
| Pittsfield Third Nat'l Bank Check Books | $ 4.93 | |
| LeRoy E. Shaw, Legal Advice | 6.00 | |
| Hobbs and Warren, Books, Forms and | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Supplies | 19.65 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, mileage, phone, postage, recording deaths, births and marriages | 66.76 | |
| Studley Press, Town Reports, envelopes, voters lists | 141.75 | |
| Pittsfield Electric Co., electricity for garage | 9.00 | |
| Dorothy Durant, postage stamps and stamped envelopes | 29.51 | |
| William Shandoff, supplies, mucilage, hectograph set, paper | 7.60 | |
| Donald A. Hall, real estate transfers, drawing up deeds | 7.15 | |
| Barre Gazette, Tax Collector's supplies | 8.05 | |
| Margaret Schulze, postage, real estate and personal tax bills | 18.51 | |
| John L. Peer, postage, mileage, telephone | 37.55 | |
| Ernest Schulze, meeting expenses, mileage | 10.14 | |
| David Watson, repairing windows in Town Hall | 1.00 | |
| Alex Radwich, three days labor on snow fence shed | 12.00 | |
| Theodore Waddell, certification of note | 2.00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, postage, mileage, phone | 46.08 | |
| Berkshire Co. Selectmen's Ass'n, dues 1941 | 6.00 | |
| Boston and Albany Railroad, rent of land | 1.00 | |
| Berkshire Evening Eagle, for notice of tax taking | 8.75 | |
| Mary Baack, meeting and mileage | 9.90 | |
| Harry Olds, mileage, meeting, postage | 18.54 | |
| George Ende, running lines | 6.00 | |
| | | $477.87 |
| Unexpended | | $ 97.13 |

## TREE WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $25.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | .15 |
| Total Available | | $25.15 |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt., car, filing saw | $14.90 | |
| Irwin Radwich, labor | .50 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor | .75 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 9.00 | |
| | | 25.15 |

## OFFICERS BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $37.50 |
| F. J. Cummings, Deputy Collector's bond | $10.00 | |
| Jane S. Ranshausen, Clerk and Treasurer bond | 12.00 | |
| Mass. Bonding and Insurance Co., Collector's bond | 15.00 | |
| | | 37.00 |
| Unexpended | | $ .50 |

## INTEREST AND DISCOUNTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $30.00 |
| Pittsfield Third Nat'l Bank, discount on note | | 11.46 |
| Unexpended | | $18.54 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $400.00 |
| Transferred to: | | |
| Town Hall Account | $30.69 | |
| Workmens' Compensation | .10 | |
| Bridge Account | 14.65 | |
| Snow Fence Account | 38.93 | |
| Chapter 81 Account | .08 | |
| Tree Warden Account | .15 | |
| Tax Title Account | 7.70 | |
| Town Officers Account | 24.85 | |
| | | 117.15 |
| Unexpended | | $282.85 |

## SNOW FENCE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $350.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | 38.93 |
| Total Available | | $388.93 |
| Joseph Blotz, truck and labor | $58.12 | |
| H. W. Madigan, Sup't, car | 75.06 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 8.00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 51.00 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 48.00 | |
| Irwin Radwich, labor | 25.50 | |
| John L. Peer, truck | 15.25 | |

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|---|---|---|
| John Kelly, truck | 17.12 | |
| Charles Decker, labor | 2.50 | |
| Henry May, labor | 40.25 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, tractor | 5.63 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., fence posts, wire sledge and handles | 40.50 | |
| Charles Soles, 2 loads slabs | 2.00 | |
| | | $388.93 |

## SNOW ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,500.00 |
| Claude Goodell, plowing and sanding | $334.25 | |
| John L. Peer, plowing, sanding, plates for tractor | 144.50 | |
| H. W. Madigan, plowing, labor on tractor expense trip to Pittsfield | 102.12 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 15.00 | |
| John Kelly, truck sanding, 2 headlights | 23.25 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 3.25 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., grousers and parts | 154.25 | |
| Alex Radwich, labor | 5.00 | |
| Berkshire Sand and Gravel Co., sand | 77.39 | |
| Berkshire Mill Supply, 1 gal. ice machine oil | 1.00 | |
| Contractors Sales, parts and labor on Monarch | 240.61 | |
| Robert Sanderson, labor | 2.25 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, plowing and labor | 59.91 | |
| Hinsdale Garage, drilling holes, repair brake shoe on Monarch | 3.00 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 2.00 | |
| William Walden, labor | 2.75 | |
| Emack's Garage, repairing radiator on Monarch | 13.95 | |
| T. A. Frissell, pails | 1.00 | |
| Ralph L. Estes, 3½ gals. Freezone | 3.50 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., 123 gals. gas | 18.81 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., bolts, nuts and washers | 3.11 | |
| Jacob Zeitler, lamp hangers and clever for tractor | 3.25 | |
| O'Conner Bros., 2 gals. Pyro for Monarch | 2.00 | |
| Dalton Auto Repair, repair parts and labor | 24.11 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, plowing snow own road | 3.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Victor Madigan, labor | 6.00 | |
| Irwin Radwich, labor | 4.00 | |
| | | 1,253.26 |
| Unexpended | | $ 246.74 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | | $50.00 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $648.61 |
| James S. Brown, oil | $12.00 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, labor | 4.50 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 8.75 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., gasoline | 41.28 | |
| E. W. Systrom Co., blades for grader | 16.81 | |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt. car and phone | 7.10 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 1.00 | |
| Berkshire Hardware Co., bolts and washers | 2.25 | |
| Pittsfield Iron Works, irons for drag | 10.86 | |
| J. C. Ballou, lumber | 1.80 | |
| New England Metal Culvert Co., wire drag | 24.50 | |
| Jacob Zeitler, repairing drag | 14.50 | |
| Central Garage, repairing grader wheel | 6.50 | |
| John Kelly, tractor to Pittsfield and return | 7.50 | |
| Raynor's Auto Supply, Alemite fittings | 1.55 | |
| Berkshire Tractor, overhauling Cletrac | 35.25 | |
| | | 196.15 |
| Unexpended | | $452.46 |
| Tractor Earnings 1941 (Chapter 81) | | 317.25 |
| Grader Earnings 1941 (Chapter 81) | | 44.27 |
| Hone 1941 (Chapter 90) | | 6.00 |
| | | $819.98 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $219.24 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | .10 |
| | $219.34 |
| M. D. E. Tower, compensation policy and per audit 1940 | $219.34 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $90.00 |
| E. H. Pierce, insurance on school, town hall, garage, machinery, weights and measures | | 85.47 |
| Unexpended | | $ 4.53 |

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $600.00 |
| Transferred from reserve account | | 14.65 |
| Total available | | $614.65 |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt., phone & car | 60.14 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 1.50 | |
| Arthur Maceri, plank | 160.16 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 38.25 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 22.50 | |
| Irwin Radwich, labor | 33.50 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 30.50 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 33.50 | |
| Henry May, labor | 33.50 | |
| Phelan Hardware Co., aluminum paint and bolts | 4.25 | |
| Fred B. Schulze, aluminum, brushes and bolts | 11.76 | |
| A. Leo Nash, six I beams | 35.00 | |
| J. C. Ballou, lumber | 20.80 | |
| Town of New Marlboro, I beams | 60.00 | |
| John L. Peer, truck | 1.50 | |
| Central Garage, cutting holes in bridge stringers | 4.50 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor | 6.50 | |
| Carr Hardware, washers | 9.75 | |
| Berkshire Hardware, aluminum and brushes | 35.46 | |
| T. A. Frissell, bolts | .38 | |
| D. D. Hopkins, lumber | 11.20 | |
| | | $614.65 |

## FOREST WARDEN ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $100.00 |
| *Walden Fire* | | |
| A. Davis, Deputy | $1.30 | |
| E. Trembly | 1.20 | |
| W. Peltier | 1.20 | |

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|---|---|---|
| F. Fuller | 1.20 | |
| D. McSweeney | 1.20 | |
| G. Crochier, Deputy | 1.30 | |
| John Campbell, warden, mileage, putting up posters | 3.38 | |
| | | 10.78 |
| Unexpended | | $89.22 |

## BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $100.00 |
| Becket Fire Department | $100.00 |

## CHAPTER 81

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $ 780.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 7,800.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | .08 |
| Total Available | | $8,580.08 |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt. | $803.13 | |
| H. W. Madigan, car | 238.80 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck and labor | 255.25 | |
| John Peer, truck | 291.75 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 402.75 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 309.75 | |
| Joseph Gillette, truck mowing | 40.30 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 539.25 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 6.00 | |
| Francis Lane, labor | 4.00 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 194.50 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 414.00 | |
| Irving Radwich, labor | 467.00 | |
| Charles Decker, labor | 41.75 | |
| Henry May, labor | 425.50 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor and tractor operator | 305.37 | |
| James Sanderson, labor | 193.25 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, tractor driver | 53.18 | |
| Town of Becket, grader | 22.40 | |
| Universal Crane Co., crane | 177.50 | |
| Edward Gargen, sand spreader operator | 2.50 | |
| Philip Raymond, sand spreader | 3.00 | |
| Henry Lampro, compressor helper | 10.00 | |
| P. W. Dodge, compressor | 71.69 | |
| Tractor earnings | 317.25 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Grader earnings | | 44.27 | |
| | | $5,634.14 | |

CHAPTER 81 MATERIAL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Howard, salt | $ 4.00 | | |
| Pierson Hdwe. Co., shovels | 14.67 | | |
| Jacob Zeitler, picks, bars, grubhooks | 12.20 | | |
| Carr Hdwe. Co., lag screws, washers, bit, saws, water cans | 7.03 | | |
| Earl Levernoch, gravel | 166.80 | | |
| Fred Schulze, sprinkling pot | .65 | | |
| Berkshire Gravel, Bergraco, sand | 1,213.40 | | |
| American Tar Co., distillate | 13.75 | | |
| Moulton Asphalt, asphalt | 1,481.67 | | |
| J. C. Ballou, dynamite, exploders | 28.27 | | |
| Ernest Schulze, fence posts | 3.50 | | |
| | | 2,945.94 | |
| | | | $8,580.08 |

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $ 500.00 |
| County Appropriation | | 1,000.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 1,000.00 |
| Total Available | | $2,500.00 |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt. | $ 92.18 | |
| H. W. Madigan, car | 27.60 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 199.16 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 138.89 | |
| John L. Peer, truck | 184.17 | |
| Fred Conners, truck | 127.32 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 92.74 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 63.75 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 53.75 | |
| Henry May, labor | 59.25 | |
| Irwin Radwich, labor | 62.25 | |
| James Sanderson, labor | 65.50 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor | 65.00 | |
| Edward Gargen, spreader operator | 52.81 | |
| Town of Becket, hone | 5.80 | |
| Philip Raymond, sand spreader | 63.37 | |
| Berkshire Gravel, stone and sand | 191.37 | |

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|---|---|---|
| American Tar Co. Rotar and Tarine | 948.90 | |
| Hone, town owned | 6.00 | |
| | | 2,499.81 |
| Unexpended | | .19 |

RECAPITULATION 1941

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | | $5,164.38 |
| Old Age Administration | | 81.88 |
| Public Welfare | | 3,240.72 |
| Snow Account | | 1,253.26 |
| Forest Warden | | 10.78 |
| Snow Fence | | 388.93 |
| Workmen's Compensation | | 219.34 |
| Insurance on Buildings | | 85.47 |
| Becket Fire Department | | 100.00 |
| Sons and Daughters | | 35.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 477.87 |
| Town Officers | | 724.85 |
| Tax Titles | | 12.70 |
| School Doctor | | 499.92 |
| Eden Glen Dam | | 126.05 |
| Interest and Discount | | 11.46 |
| Officers Bonds | | 37.00 |
| Machinery Account | | 196.15 |
| Bridge Account | | 614.65 |
| Tree Warden Account | | 25.15 |
| Chapter 81—Labor and Material omitting tractor and grader earnings | | 8,218.56 |
| School Water | | 800.00 |
| Cemetery Account | | 55.00 |
| Town Hall Account | | 230.69 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance, omitting hone earnings | | 2,493.81 |
| Total Selectmen's orders | | $25,103.62 |
| Tractor and grader earnings Chapter 81 | $361.52 | |
| Hone, earnings, Chapter 90 Maintenance | 6.00 | |
| Reserve Account | 117.15 | |

JOHN L. PEER,
HARRY C. SHAW,
C. A. R. SIMMONS,
Board of Selectmen.

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS REPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Harry Olds, moving piano | $ 6.00 | |
| Clinton Wood, moving piano and tables | 2.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, electric light | 3.00 | |
| C. G. Brigham, supplies | 5.64 | |
| Mrs. Arthur Morano, printing post cards | 3.29 | |
| Mrs. May Chase, labor at reunion, July 4 | 3.00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw Account | | |
| Labor for reunion July 4 | 6.50 | |
| Mileage (73 miles) | 4.38 | |
| Sandwiches | 2.00 | |
| | | $35.81 |

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
Treasurer

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Washington, Mass.
December 11, 1941

I have made the annual inspection of animals for the year of 1941 and find the animals and barns in satisfactory condition.

There are 124 cows, 75 young cattle, 7 bulls, 7 swine, 12 sheep, 15 goats.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH N. BLOTZ,
Inspector of Animals

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1941 | $9,558.18 |
| Taxes, 1938 | 99.06 |
| Taxes, 1939 | 508.96 |
| Taxes, 1940 | 815.24 |
| Taxes, 1941 | 4,070.30 |
| Motor Excise, 1937 | 4.02 |
| Motor Excise, 1938 | 3.75 |
| Motor Excise, 1939 | 6.00 |
| Motor Excise, 1940 | 22.25 |
| Motor Excise, 1941 | 804.71 |
| Interest on taxes | 82.70 |
| Demand on taxes | 2.10 |
| Income Tax | 637.57 |
| Massachusetts School Fund Part 2 | 1,580.52 |
| School Superintendent | 386.01 |
| High school transportation | 867.03 |
| High school tuition | 969.71 |
| Tuition of children | 202.50 |
| Vocational education | 218.40 |
| Loss of taxes | 3,314.94 |
| Highways, chapter 420 | 1,452.90 |
| Highways, chapter 81 for 1940 | 428.05 |
| Highways, chapter 81 for 1941 | 7,259.11 |
| Highways, chapter 90, state | 999.92 |
| Highways, chapter 90, county | 999.92 |
| Corporation tax, electric light and water | 5.91 |
| State division of live stock | 12.50 |
| Old age assistance, Federal Grant | 2,176.26 |
| Old age administration | 72.50 |
| Old age assistance, state | 1,712.14 |
| Old age assistance, cities and towns | 71.67 |
| County dog refund | 100.92 |
| Dog licenses | 115.20 |
| Welfare, towns | 1,131.95 |
| Welfare, individuals | 17.99 |
| Selectmen's licenses | 390.50 |
| Revenue loan | 2,500.00 |
| Temporary aid and transportation | 1,145.61 |
| Real estate sold | 100.00 |
| Sealer of weights and measures | 3.65 |

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|---|---|---|
| Machinery refund towns | 11.40 | |
| Due from state | 1,975.42 | |
| | | $46,837.47 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Treasurer.

## EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State Tax | $ 660.00 | |
| State Parks | 10.70 | |
| State Audit | 123.83 | |
| Veterans' Exemption | 1.60 | |
| County Tax | 475.28 | |
| Dog License | 115.20 | |
| Revenue Loan | 2,500.00 | |
| School orders | 7,178.27 | |
| Selectmen's orders | 25,103.62 | |
| Excise tax refund | 6.25 | |
| | | $36,174.77 |
| Cash in bank | | 10,598.17 |
| Cash on hand | | 64.53 |
| | | $46,837.47 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Treasurer.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Issued

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident Citizens' Fishing, 9 at $2.00 | $18.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' Hunting, 17 at $2.00 | 34.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' Sporting, 3 at $3.25 | 9.75 | |
| Resident Citizens' Womens and Minor, 8 at $1.25 | 10.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' Minor Trapping, 1, at $2.25 | 2.25 | |
| Resident Citizens' Trapping, 2 at $5.25 | 10.50 | |
| Resident Citizens' Sporting, Free | | $84.50 |
| Fees retained | | 10.00 |
| | | 74.50 |
| Male dogs licensed, 39, at $2.00 | $78.00 | |
| Female dogs licensed, 6 at $5.00 | 30.00 | |
| Spayed females licensed, 9 at $2.00 | 18.00 | |
| | | $126.00 |
| Fees retained | | 10.80 |
| | | 115.20 |

BIRTHS

| | |
|---|---|
| Apr. 21, 1898 | James Francis Ellsworth, son of William Francis Ellsworth and Virginia May (McCarthy) Ellsworth |
| Mar. 6, 1941 | James Dennis Gallant, son of Edward Joseph Gallant and Arlene Rose (Conley) Gallant. |
| Mar. 10, 1941 | Irving Henry Radwich, Jr., son of Irving Henry Radwich and Helen Rita (Wescott) Radwich. |
| June 19, 1941 | Theresa Ann Meiers, daughter of John Harding Meiers and Doris Thelma (Keiper) Meiers. |
| June 24, 1941 | John Andrew Rock, son of Henry Earl Rock and Venice Jane (Madru) Rock. |
| Aug. 20, 1941 | Mary Louise Sullivan, daughter of Joseph Patrick Sullivan and Helen Louise (Methe) Sullivan. |

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|---|---|
| Oct. 16, 1941 | Carole Ann Young, daughter of Francis Edward Young and Elizabeth Pearl (Gallant) Young. |
| Oct. 21, 1941 | Sheila Ann Zaleski, daughter of Zigmund Joseph Zaleski and Margaret Violet (Wood) Zaleski. |

## DEATHS

| | |
|---|---|
| Jan. 7, 1941 | Margaret Emile Schulze, age 78 |
| Jan. 14, 1941 | Catherine H. Loehr, age 83 |
| Jan. 10, 1941 | Ethel Cashman, age 24 |
| June 5, 1941 | Leo C. Russell, age 24 |
| May 11, 1941 | Martha M. Scott, age 77 |
| June 14, 1941 | Wasiel Konomciuk, age 60 |

## MARRIAGES

| | |
|---|---|
| May 30, 1941 | Clifton Edwin Waid and Edna Marie Donais |
| Oct. 10, 1941 | Francis Walter Lane and Helen Mary Harris |
| Oct. 11, 1941 | Francis W. Connolly and Lucille Catherine Loehr |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,

Town Clerk.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1941

### RECAPITULATION

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation | | | $22,950.35 |
| State tax | $660.00 | | |
| State parks & reservations | 11.30 | | |
| State audit of muncipal accounts | 123.83 | 1940 Underestimate | |
| Veterans exemption | 1.77 | .19 | |
| | $796.90 | .19 | 797.09 |
| County tax | $475.28 | | 475.28 |
| Overlay of current year | | | 182.63 |
| Gross amount to be raised | | | $24,405.35 |

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Income tax | $1,275.13 | |
| Corporation tax | 60.96 | |
| Reimbursement on account state owned land | 3,314.94 | |
| Gas tax | 2,889.79 | |
| Motor vehicle & trailer excise | 700.00 | |
| Licenses | 350.00 | |
| Health & sanitation | 13.00 | |
| Charities | 1,000.00 | |
| Schools | 3,650.00 | |
| Interest: On taxes & assessments | 100.00 | |
| | 13,353.82 | |
| Overestimates of previous year State tax | .71 | |
| Amounts voted to be taken from available funds Approved Mar. 26, 1941 | 6,000.00 | |
| Total available funds | $6,000.71 | |
| Total estimated receipts and available funds | | $19,354.53 |
| Net amount to be raised by taxation on polls and property | | $5,050.82 |
| Number of polls, 81 at $2.00 each | $ 162.00 | |
| Total valuation: personal property | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| $26,220 at $24 | 629.28 | |
| Real estate $177,481 at $24 | 4,259.54 | |
| Total taxes levied on polls and property | | $5,050.82 |

1941 tax rate fixed on May 17, 1941.

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF POLLS, PROPERTY, AND TAXES—as assessed January 1, 1941

| No. of Persons Assessed | Individuals | All Others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On personal estate only | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| On real estate only | 75 | 7 | 82 |
| On both personal & real estate | 20 | | 20 |
| | | | 114 |
| Number of polls assessed | | | 81 |

## VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Machinery | $18,600.00 | |
| Live stock | 7,620.00 | |
| | | $26,220.00 |

## VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Value of land exclusive of buildings | $117,726.00 | |
| Value of buildings exclusive of land | 59,755.00 | |
| | | 177,481.00 |
| Total valuation of assessed estate | | $203,701.00 |

Tax rate per $1,000—$24.00

## TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND TOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING OVERLAY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On personal estate | $ 629.28 | |
| On real estate | 4,259.54 | |
| On polls | 162.00 | |
| | | $5,050.82 |

## NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

| | |
|---|---|
| Horses (1 yr. old or over) | 26 |
| Neat Cattle: | |
| Cows 1 yr. or over | 119 |
| Yearlings, bulls, heifers | 81 |
| Swine | 1 |
| Sheep | 15 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Fowl | 830 |
| All other | 20 |
| Number of acres of land assessed | 13,246 |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | 93 |

Reassessment 1 poll tax Dec. 19, 1941 $2.00

## TOWN PROPERTY

| Real Estate | Acres | Land Value | | Bldg. Value | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall right | ½ | $ 25 | Town Hall | $1,000.00 | $1,025 |
| | | | 2 Schoolhouses | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Part of Bennett Pl. | 6 | 100 | Garage | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 75 | | | 75 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| | | | | | $5,900 |

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Hall furniture | $ 250 | |
| Road mach. tools & tractor | 1,000 | |
| Snow plow & tractor | 2,000 | |
| Library | 300 | |
| Forest Warden equipment | 200 | $3,750 |

Signed

HARRY E. OLDS, Chairman
MARY BAACK
ERNEST F. SCHULZE

## 1941 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1937 Excise Taxes as per 1940 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $4.02 |
| Collected, paid Treas. in 1941 | 4.02 |

Total 1937 Int. collected $1.25

1938 Excise Taxes as per 1940 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $3.75 |
| Collected, paid Treas. in 1941 | 3.75 |

1938 Property Taxes and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1938 prop. taxes | $4,727.46 | Real estate warrant | $5,889.11 |
| Abated in 1938 | 100.66 | Personal warrant | 812.46 |
| Certified to tax title | 69.30 | Poll tax warrant | 146.00 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes in 1938 | 118.00 | Detailed taxes more than warrant | .01 |
| Pd. Treas. in 1939, poll taxes | 16.00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes | 10.00 | | |
| Collected in 1941 poll tax | 2.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1939, prop. taxes | 720.49 | | |
| Abated prop. taxes | 2.65 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1940 prop. taxes | 907.40 | | |
| Collected in 1941 | 97.06 | | |
| Uncollected | 76.56 | | |
| | $6,847.58 | | $6,847.58 |

Total 1938 Int. collected in 1941 $15.84—costs 35 cents

1939 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1939, prop. taxes | $3,724.37 | Real Est. warrant | $4,414.02 |
| Abated prop. taxes in 1939 | 171.38 | Personal tax warrant | 657.85 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes in 1939 | 116.00 | Poll tax warrant | 172.00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 18.00 | Omitted R. Est. warrant | 9.25 |
| Abated and refunded poll taxes | 4.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes in 1940 | 28.00 | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abated poll taxes in 1940 | 4.00 | |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes in 1941 | 2.00 | |
| Taken by tax title prop. taxes | 2.00 | |
| Pd. Treas. prop taxes in 1940 | 623.38 | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1941, prop. taxes | 506.96 | |
| Uncollected | 52.63 | |
| | $5,253.12 | $5,253.12 |

## 1939 EXCISE TAXES

As per 1940 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $6.00 |
| Collected in 1941 and paid Treas. | 6.00 |

Total 1939 int. collected in 1941 $36.46. Costs 35 cents

## 1940 PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas in 1940 prop. taxes | $3,670.40 | Real est. warrant | $4,258.35 |
| Abated 1940 prop. taxes | 68.64 | Personal tax war. | 636.14 |
| Taken by tax title in 1941 | 1.92 | Poll tax war. | 164.00 |
| Pd. Treas. in 1941 prop. taxes | 789.24 | Omitted poll tax warrant | 4.00 |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 364.29 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1940 poll taxes | 114.00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes in 1940 | 22.00 | | |
| Abated in 1941 poll taxes | 6.00 | | |
| Collected and pd. Treas. in 1941 poll taxes | 26.00 | | |
| | $5,062.49 | | $5,062.49 |

## 1940 EXCISE TAXES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1940 | $795.59 | Warrants | $825.49 |
| Abated in 1940 | 7.65 | | |
| Collected and pd. Treas. in 1941 | 22.25 | | |
| | $825.49 | | $825.49 |

Total 1940 Int. collected in 1941 $27.20. Costs $1.40

## 1941 PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. prop. taxes | $3,940.30 | Prop. tax warrant | $4,259.54 |
| Certified to tax title | 1.92 | Personal tax war. | 629.28 |
| Abated prop. taxes | 59.28 | Poll tax war. | 162.00 |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 887.32 | Omitted poll tax war. | 2.00 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 130.00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes | 20.00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 14.00 | | |
| | $5,052.82 | | $5,052.82 |

## 1941 EXCISE TAXES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. | $804.71 | Warrants | $898.39 |
| Abated | 15.69 | | |
| Uncollected | 77.99 | | |
| | $898.39 | | $898.39 |

Total 1941 interest collected $1.45

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
Collector of Taxes.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have compared the vouchers with the Treasurer and Selectmen and find them to agree and examined the books of the Tax Collector.

MARGARET E. SCHULZE,
Auditor

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $7,400.00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,235.00 | |
| Nellie J. Hunt, teacher | 950.00 | |
| J. J. Rolfe, superintendent | 676.73 | |
| Gladys Leasot, art supervisor | 100.00 | |
| Massachusetts Retirement | 115.00 | |
| Rose Conley, nurse | 63.00 | |
| Frank Couture, local transportation | 369.00 | |
| John L. Peer, local transportation | 483.00 | |
| C. A. Wallin, high school transportation | 1,116.00 | |
| Nina Comerford, high school transportation | 7.50 | |
| Stella Methe, high school transportation | 3.00 | |
| Pittsfield Vocational School | 277.50 | |
| City of Pittsfield, high school tuition | 481.93 | |
| City of Pittsfield, elementary tuition | 247.88 | |
| Town of Dalton, high school tuition | 478.48 | |
| Text books | 28.73 | |
| Stationery and supplies | 56.83 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, janitor | 138.80 | |
| Fuel | 136.05 | |
| Lights | 10.58 | |
| Repairs | 109.81 | |
| Library | 17.96 | |
| Miscellaneous | 29.43 | |
| Superintendent expenses | 24.23 | |
| New Equipment | 17.83 | |
| School Committee, attending joint committee meetings | 4.00 | |
| | | 7,178.27 |
| Unexpended | | $221.73 |

BERTHA POMEROY
MAY SANDERSON
FLORENCE SIMMONS

School Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Washington, Massachusetts:

I herewith submit my third annual report as your Superintendent of Schools:

### Elementary School Enrollment

On December 31, 1941 there were 39 pupils enrolled in the Valley School, distributed as follows:

| *Teacher* | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hunt, Nellie | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | |
| May, Mrs. Maude | | | | | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

Dorothy Frey and William Loehr attend the Dawes Elementary School in Pittsfield. Joseph Loehr attends the Plunkett Junior High School. The total of 42 elementary school pupils is 4 less than last year.

### High School Enrollment

**Dalton High School**

Freshman Class—None
Sophomore Class—Laura Sanderson
Junior Class—Norman Sanderson, Edith Radwich

**Pittsfield Junior High School**

Ninth Grade—Patricia Kelley, Mary Jane Rock

**Pittsfield High School**

Sophomore Class—Barbara Peer, Jacqueline Couture
Senior Class—Ralph Simmons
Post Graduate—Carl Peer

**Pittsfield Vocational School**

Alan Pomeroy, Donald Gillette, Phyllis Gillette, William Walden, Arnold Radwich

**Pittsfield St. Joseph's High School**

Senior Class—Stella Methe

Total—15

### High School Tuition Rates

The tuition rates in both Pittsfield and Dalton have in-

creased and it is likely that there will be a substantial increase again next year. The present rate in Dalton is $112 per year, having increased from $109.00. The Pittsfield rate has advanced from $106.00 to $118.00. The Vocational School rate remains the same at $100.00 per year.

**Reimbursements From Commonwealth of Mass.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| General School Fund: Part I | $ 566.25 | |
| General School Fund: Part II | 1,580.52 | |
| Tuition of State Wards | 202.50 | |
| Account of Union Supt. | 386.01 | |
| High School Tuition | 969.71 | |
| High School Transportation | 867.03 | |
| Vocational Tuition | 99.02 | |
| Vocational Transportation | 119.38 | |
| Total 1941 Reimbursements | 4,790.42 | |
| Total Expenditures | | $7,175.27 |
| Total Reimbursements | | 4,790.42 |
| Net cost of high school and Elementary Ed. 1941 | | $2,384.85 |

**Budget for 1942**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Teachers' Salaries | $2,500.00 |
| 2. | Textbooks | 50.00 |
| 3. | Stationery and Supplies | 60.00 |
| 4. | Janitor | 150.00 |
| 5. | Fuel | 175.00 |
| 6. | Lights | 15.00 |
| 7. | Library | 20.00 |
| 8. | Health | 50.00 |
| 9. | Local Transportation | 720.00 |
| 10. | High School Transportation | 1,200.00 |
| 11. | Elementary Tuition | 210.00 |
| 12. | High School Tuition | 1,550.00 |
| 13. | Superintendent's Salary and Expense | 725.00 |
| 14. | New Equipment and Repairs | 45.00 |
| 15. | Miscellaneous | 30.00 |
| | Total 1942 Budget | $7,500.00 |

**School Building**

At the 1941 town meeting I spoke of the necessity of providing indoor toilets and running water for the school and suggested that a committee be formed to investigate as to pos-

sibilities and costs, said committee to report at a special town meeting in April. The splendid cooperation of the townspeople will not soon be forgotten.

A committee composed of the School Department and the Board of Selectmen was chosen. At a special town meeting in April this committee reported its findings and it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $800.00 to carry out the project.

After a great deal of investigation and planning as to costs of material and labor it was decided to employ Mr. Johnson of Dalton for the carpenter work, Mr. Phillips of Hinsdale for the plumbing, and Mr. Burnham of Washington for digging the ditch from the railroad station and for digging for the septic tank. The plans provided for three toilets in the girls' toilet room and for two toilets and a urinal in the boys' toilet room. A combination wash sink and drinking fountain was placed in each of the classrooms. New flooring was laid in the lower grade room and in the new toilet rooms, outside doors were repaired, and the underpinning on one side of the building was replaced. A great deal was accomplished with the money available.

The effect of these improvements on the children cannot be very accurately measured, but we feel assured there is a very desirable effect on their health, happiness and mental outlook.

We should start to think about the installation of a central heating plant. It may be that such a project will have to be deferred until conditions return to normal, but we should keep such a thing in mind and attend to it whenever feasible.

## School Grounds

Sometimes we do not do as much as we might to improve the grounds of our schools. In a country school the most practical and the most satisfactory way to improve the appearance of a school yard is by the utilization of the energies, enthusiasm, and ingenuity of the children themselves. Perhaps by the time school closes in June the teachers and children will show the people of Washington what can be done to improve a rather dreary looking setting.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. John Rolfe
Supt. of Schools
Washington, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rolfe:

The following is a report of the health work done in Washington during 1941.

School visits 28; home visits 8; impetigo cases 6.

The annual physical examinations were given by Dr. Fierman on Oct. 21. The following were the findings:

| | |
|---|---|
| Tonsils and adenoids enlarged | 24 |
| Enlarged cervical glands | 6 |
| Ear cases | 2 |
| Poor vision | 4 |
| Malnutrition | 4 |
| Correction of eyes | 2 |
| Correction of tonsils | 4 |

Weights and measuremnts are taken twice yearly.
Dental Clinic—Sept. 9, 30, Oct. 3.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number examined—37 | |
| Number having no defects | 4 |
| Permanent fillings | 43 |
| Permanent extractions | 5 |
| Temporary fillings | 8 |
| Temporary extractions | 8 |
| Cleanings | 6 |
| Treatments | 3 |
| Total number of operations | 73 |
| Total amount paid by parents | $43.80 |
| | ($.60 per operation) |

The new toilets as well as running water and wash sinks are a great improvement. The hot lunches that the teachers prepare are helpful to the health of the children.

ROSE K. CONLEY,
School Nurse.

## REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

Mr. John Rolfe
Supt. of Schools
Washington, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rolfe:

The children in the primary room have correlated the art work with their social studies. By drawing a picture of the subject studied the idea is more firmly fixed in their minds. They are now making a picture book of the Americas. Some very fine sand table projects have been carefully carried out. These too were correlated with their geography and history.

Some time has been spent in arts and crafts work. Candles were dipped from old wax, dolls' furniture was made and painted. Some girls even attempted to make slip covers for their dolls' furniture. Beautiful necklaces were made from seeds. Pine cones were painted for Christmas decorations. Three pictures were sent to New York City to be exhibited in "Young America Paints" exhibit. These pictures were all original ideas of the children.

The pupils in the grammar room spent considerable time on design, printing, poster making, cartooning, and free hand drawing of figures. For interior decoration the pupils made a kitchen with cloth curtains and venetian blinds, as well as a sink, cabinets, and dishes. Stained glass effects were made for the windows at Christmas time.

Many other projects too numerous to mention have been successfully carried out in both rooms during the past year. Much credit should be given to the teachers for their interest and cooperation in the art work.

I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to you, Mr. Rolfe, and to the school committee for the aid I have received.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS F. LEASOT

### Conclusion

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the School Committee, to the townspeople, and to the teachers for their cooperation and good will on all occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. ROLFE,
Superintendent of Schools.

# REPORT OF AN AUDIT

December 15, 1941

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. John L. Peer, Chairman
Washington, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from December 8, 1940, to November 22, 1941, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

TNW:MMH

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from December 8, 1940, the date of the previous examination, to November 22, 1941, and submit the following report thereon.

The final transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined in detail.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts for licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified. The surety bonds filed with the town by individuals to whom liquor licenses were issued were examined and checked with the record of licenses granted.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the orders of the selectmen authorizing them, the cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on November 22, 1941, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The tax title deeds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the books and accounts of the treasurer and tax collector.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were compared with the record of fees charged and the cash on hand November 22, 1941, was proved by actual count.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination were audited, and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes were examined and proved with the assessors' warrants. The collections, as recorded, were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the recorded abatements were proved by a comparison with the assessors' record of abatements granted. The outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand was verified by actual count.

To prove the outstanding accounts, verification notices were sent to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received, it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of accounts receivable in the public welfare department, including the bureau of old age assistance, were examined and checked. The recorded collections were compared with the treasurer's record of receipts, the disallowances were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The financial accounts of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued. The payments to the state and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand was proved by actual count.

The accounts of all the departments have been kept with care and accuracy, thereby facilitating the work of the audit.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 22, 1941. In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

HBD:MMH

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | $10,718.20 | |
| Receipts December 8 to 31, 1940, | 1,288.54 | |
| | | $12,006.74 |
| Payments December 8, to 31, 1940, | $2,448.56 | |
| Balance December 31, 1940, | 9,558.18 | |
| | | $12,006.74 |
| Balance January 1, 1941, | $9,558.18 | |
| Receipts January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 33,228.31 | |
| | | $42,786.49 |
| Payments January 1 to November 22, 1941, | $30,082.94 | |
| Balance November 22, 1941: | | |
| Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company | 12,703.55 | |
| | | $42,786.49 |

## PITTSFIELD THIRD NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance November 22, 1941, per statement, | | $13,023.55 |
| Balance November 22, 1941, per check book, | $12,703.55 | |
| Outstanding checks November 22, 1941, per list, | 320.00 | |
| | | $13,023.55 |

## RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash balances November 22, 1941, per tables: | | |
| Taxes 1939, | $10.00 | |
| Taxes 1940, | 4.29 | |
| Taxes 1941, | 55.72 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes 1941, | 10.68 | |
| Interest and costs on taxes, | 3.66 | |
| | | $84.35 |
| Cash on hand November 22, 1941, verified, | | $84.35 |

### TAXES—1938

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | | $245.68 |
| Payments to treasurer December 8 to 31, 1940, | $70.06 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1940, | 175.62 | |
| | | $245.68 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1941, | | $175.62 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | $99.06 | |
| Outstanding November 22, 1941, per list, | 76.56 | |
| | | $175.62 |

### TAXES—1939

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | | $638 09 |
| Payments to treasurer December 8 to 31, 1940, | $74.50 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1940, | 563.59 | |
| | | $638.09 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding January 1, 1941, | | $563.59 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1, to November 22, 1941, | $457.97 | |
| Tax titles taken January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 2.00 | |
| Outstanding November 22, 1941, per list, | 93.62 | |
| Cash balance November 22, 1941, | 10.00 | |
| | | $563.59 |

TAXES—1940

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | $1,195.09 | |
| Additional commitment December 8 to 31, 1940, | 4.00 | |
| | | $1,199.09 |
| Payments to treasurer December 8 to 31, 1940, | $11.64 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1940, | 1,187.45 | |
| | | $1,199.09 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1941, | | $1,187.45 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | $739.07 | |
| Tax titles taken January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 1.92 | |
| Outstanding November 22, 1941, per list, | 442.17 | |
| Cash balance November 22, 1941, | 4.29 | |
| | | $1,187.45 |

TAXES—1941

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitment January 1 to November 22, 1941, per warrants, | | $5,050.82 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | $3,925.11 | |
| Abatements January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 77.28 | |
| Outstanding November 22, 1941, per list, | 992.71 | |
| Cash balance November 22, 1941, | 55.72 | |
| | | $5,050.82 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1937

| | |
|---|---|
| Outstanding December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | $4.02 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1940, | $4.02 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1941, | $4.02 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | $4.02 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1938

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | | $11.90 |
| Abatements December 8 to 31, 1940, | $8.15 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1940, | 3.75 | |
| | | $11.90 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1941, | | $3.75 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | | $3.75 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1939

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | | $10.00 |
| Payments to treasurer December 8 to 31, 1940, | $2.00 | |
| Abatements December 8 to 31, 1940, | 2.00 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1940, | 6.00 | |
| | | $10.00 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1941, | | $6.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | | $6.00 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1940

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | $25.65 | |
| Additional Commitment December 8 to 31, 1940, | 12.25 | |
| | | $37.90 |
| Payments to treasurer December 8 to 31, 1940, | $21.65 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1940, | 16.25 | |
| | | $37.90 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1941, | $16.25 | |
| Additional Commitment January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 6.00 | |
| | | $22.25 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | | $22.25 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1941

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitment January 1 to November 22, 1941, per warrants, | $831.23 | |
| Abatement after payment, to be refunded, | 6.25 | |
| | | $837.48 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | $776.30 | |
| Abatements January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 21.94 | |
| Outstanding November 22, 1941, per list, | 28.56 | |
| Cash balance November 22, 1941, | 10.68 | |
| | | $837.48 |

## INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | | $.09 |
| Collections December 8, 1940 to November 22, 1941: | | |
| Interest: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1937, | $.47 | |
| Levy of 1938, | 20.15 | |
| Levy of 1939, | 35.33 | |
| Levy of 1940, | 23.70 | |
| Levy of 1941, | .32 | |
| | | 79.97 |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1937, | $.78 | |
| Levy of 1938, | .48 | |
| Levy of 1939, | .50 | |
| Levy of 1940, | .55 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Levy of 1941, | .48 | | |
| | | 2.79 | |
| Costs: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1938, | $1.75 | | |
| Levy of 1939, | .70 | | |
| Levy of 1940, | 1.40 | | |
| | | 3.85 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1937, | $1.70 | | |
| Levy of 1938, | .85 | | |
| Levy of 1939, | 1.90 | | |
| Levy of 1940, | 1.05 | | |
| Levy of 1941, | 3.30 | | |
| | | 8.80 | |
| | | | $95.50 |
| Payments to treasurer: | | | |
| December 8 to 31, 1940, | $6.36 | | |
| January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 74.93 | | |
| | | $81.29 | |
| Fees retained: | | | |
| December 8 to 31, 1940, | $.70 | | |
| January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 9.85 | | |
| | | 10.55 | |
| Cash balance November 22, 1941: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Taxes 1939, | $.85 | | |
| Taxes 1940, | 2.47 | | |
| Taxes 1941, | .32 | | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes 1941, | .02 | | |
| | | 3.66 | |
| | | | $95.50 |

## SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to November 22, 1941: | | |
| Alcoholic, | $350.00 | |
| Common victualler, | 2.00 | |
| Junk, | 30.00 | |
| Used car dealer, | 6.00 | |
| Gasoline, | 2.00 | |
| Cabin, | .50 | |
| | | $390.50 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | | $390.50 |

## TAX TITLES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tax Titles taken January 1 to November 22, 1941: | | | |
| Taxes 1939, | $2.00 | | |
| Taxes 1940, | 1.92 | | |
| | | $3.92 | |
| Interest and costs, | | 21.69 | |
| | | | $25.61 |
| Balance November 22, 1941, per list, | | | $25.61 |

## TOWN CLERK

*Dog Licenses*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to November 22, 1941: | | | |
| Males, | 39 @ $2.00, | $78.00 | |
| Spayed females, | 9 @ 2.00, | 18.00 | |
| Females, | 6 @ 5.00, | 30.00 | |
| | | | $126.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | | $115.20 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 54 @ $0.20, | 10.80 | |
| | | | $126.00 |

## TOWN CLERK

*Sporting Licenses*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to November 22, 1941: | | | |
| Resident citizens' fishing, | 9 @ $2.00, | $18.00 | |
| Resident citizens' hunting, | 12 @ 2.00, | 24.00 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting, | 3 @ 3.25, | 9.75 | |
| Resident citizen women's and minors' fishing, | 8 @ 1.25, | 10.00 | |
| Resident citizens' minor trapping, | 1 @ 2.25, | 2.25 | |
| Resident citizens' trapping, | 2 @ 5.25, | 10.50 | |
| | | | $74.50 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game January 1 to November 22, 1941, | | $60.50 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 35 @ $0.25, | 8.75 | |
| Cash on hand November 22, 1941, verified, | | 5.25 | |
| | | | $74.50 |

## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

*Accounts Receivable*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | $140.84 | |
| Charges December 8 to 31, 1940, | 139.16 | |
| | | $280.00 |
| Payments to treasurer December 8 to 31, 1940, | 139.16 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1940, | 140.84 | |
| | | $280.00 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1941, | $140.84 | |
| Charges January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 1,487.15 | |
| | | $1,627.99 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | $1,458.83 | |
| Disallowances January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 60.83 | |
| Outstanding November 22, 1941, per list, | 108.33 | |
| | | $1,627.99 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

*Accounts Receivable*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 8, 1940, per previous audit, | | $805.00 |
| Payments to treasurer December 8 to 31, 1940, | $294.00 | |
| Disallowances December 8 to 31, 1940, | 6.00 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1940, | 505.00 | |
| | | $805.00 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1941, | $505.00 | |
| Charges January 1 to November 22, 1941, | 1,420.10 | |
| | | $1,925.10 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 22, 1941, | $248.25 | |
| Outstanding November 22, 1941, per list, | 1,676.85 | |
| | | $1,925.10 |

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

| | |
|---|---|
| Fees, January 1 to November 22, 1941, | $4.18 |
| Cash on hand November 22, 1941, verified, | $4.18 |

# TOWN OF WASHINGTON

**Balance Sheet—November 22, 1941**

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

| Assets | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | $12,703.55 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1938, | $76.56 | |
| Levy of 1939, | 103.62 | |
| Levy of 1940, | 446.46 | |
| Levy of 1941, | 1,048.43 | |
| | | 1,675.07 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1941, | | 32.99 |
| Tax Titles, | | 25.61 |
| Departmental: | | |
| Public Welfare, | $1,676.85 | |
| Old Age Assistance, | 108.33 | |
| | | 1,785.18 |
| Aid to Highways—State, | | 1,540.89 |
| | | $17,763.29 |

| Liabilities and Reserves | | |
|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loan: | | |
| In Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | $2,500.00 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | 138.41 |
| Dog Licenses, | | 64.80 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | 1,027.53 |
| State Parks and Reservations Tax— | | |
| Overestimate, | | .58 |
| Veterans' Exemption Assessment— | | |
| Overestimate, | | .17 |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | |
| Assistance, | $258.94 | |
| Administration, | 51.90 | |
| | | 310.84 |
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances, | | 5,452.98 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 621.23 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1938, | $76.56 | |
| Levy of 1939, | 103.62 | |
| Levy of 1940, | 68.29 | |
| Levy of 1941, | 105.35 | |
| | | 353.82 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, | $32.99 | |
| Tax Title, | 25.61 | |
| Departmental, | 1,785.18 | |
| | | 1,843.78 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | |
| Prior Years, | 4,180.58 | |
| Current Year, | 1,268.57 | |
| | | 5,449.15 |
| | | $17,763.29 |

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# TOWN MEETING WARRANT

## February 8, 1943

Polls will open at 10 A.M. and close at 2 P.M. The Business meeting will open at 1 P.M.

**Art. 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers, one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor, and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3.** To hear the reports of the various Town Officers, and to act thereon.

**Art. 4.** To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense and suits against the Town for the ensuing year and bring suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 5.** To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 6.** To hear and act on the report of Doctor Hirschmann and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 or any other sum for a School Doctor or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year beginning January 1st, 1943, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,075.32 to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendation) Maintenance of Highways, (Chapter 81) $780.00. Snow Removal $1500.00. Repairs and Maintenance of Bridges $300.00. Town Officers $735.00. Chapter 90 Maintenance $500.00. Miscellaneous $575.00. Tree Warden $25.00. Officers Bonds $37.50. Discount on Notes $30.00. Forest Warden $100.00. Old Age Assistance $2500.00. Old Age Administration $76.79. Public Welfare $1,000.00. Cemeteries $50.00. Snow Fence $350.00. Becket Fire Department $100.00. Fire Insurance on Buildings $90.00. Workmen's Compensation $197.94. Soldier's Relief $50.00. Eden Glen Pond $25.00. Board of Health $50.00. Reserve Account $400.00. Old bills $45.00.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for Civilian Defense.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for office rent and expenses of Rationing Board, or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to the amount of $5,000.00 from available funds towards the reduction of 1943 Tax Rate.

**Art. 13.** To choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark, Sextons, and Constables.

**Art. 14.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

# TOWN OFFICERS IN 1942

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

C. A. R. Simmons

## SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1942 |
| Harry Shaw | Term expires 1943 |
| John L. Peer, Chairman | Term expires 1944 |

## ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1942 |
| Harry Olds, Chairman | Term expires 1943 |
| Mary Baack | Term expires 1944 |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Mae Sanderson | Term expires 1942 |
| Bertha Pomeroy | Term expires 1943 |
| Florence Simmons, Chairman | Term expires 1944 |

## TREE WARDEN

Harry Madigan

## AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR

Marguerite Schulze

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

## SEXTON

| | |
|---|---|
| George Burnham (Valley) | George Burnham (East) |
| George Burnham (Centre) | George Burnham (West) |

## APPOINTEES

### FOREST WARDEN
John Campbell, Jr.

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

### INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING
George Ende  Joseph N. Blotz

### SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS
Harry Madigan

### FIELD DRIVERS
John L. Peer  John Wagner  William Little

### POUND KEEPER
William Little

### CONSTABLES
David Watson  C. A. R. Simmons
Henry Rock  Louis Sheean

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

## 1942 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting, February 9, 1942, Raised and Appropriated.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Schools | $7,500.00 | |
| School Doctor | 500.00 | |
| Chapter 81 | 780.00 | |
| Snow Removal | 1,200.00 | |
| Bridges | 500.00 | |
| Town Officers | 700.00 | |
| Chapter 90 | 500.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 575.00 | |
| Tree Warden | 25.00 | |
| Officers Bonds | 37.50 | |
| Discount on Notes | 30.00 | |
| Forest Warden | 100.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 4,000.00 | |
| Old Age Administration | 31.71 | |
| Public Welfare | 2,500.00 | |
| Cemeteries | 55.00 | |
| Snow Fence | 350.00 | |
| Becket Fire | 100.00 | |
| Fire Insurance on Buildings | 90.00 | |
| Sons and Daughters | 45.00 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 200.50 | |
| Soldier's Relief | 50.00 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 25.00 | |
| Board of Health | 50.00 | |
| Reserve | 400.00 | |
| Town Hall | 30.00 | |
| Concreting Spring for School Water Supply | 40.00 | |
| Tax Title | 5.00 | |
| Civilian Defense | 100.00 | |
| Voted to appropriate to the Machinery Maintenance Account the sum of | 819.98 | |
| | | $21,339.69 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $4,000.00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,423.00 |
| Unexpended 1941 | | 41.94 |
| Total Available | | $6,464.94 |
| Payroll January 1st to 15th | $194.50 | |
| Payroll January 15th to 31st | 194.50 | |
| Payroll February 1st to 15th | 194.50 | |
| Payroll February 15th to 28th | 194.50 | |
| Town of Becket, Care of Town Case No. 8 June 1, 1941 to December 31, 1941 | 64.50 | |
| Payroll March 1st to 15th | 206.50 | |
| Payroll March 15th to 31st | 206.50 | |
| Payroll April 1st to 15th | 194.50 | |
| Payroll April 15th to 30th | 194.50 | |
| Payroll May 1st to 15th | 230.00 | |
| Payroll May 15th to 31st | 230.00 | |
| Payroll June 1st to 15th | 210.00 | |
| Payroll June 15th to 30th | 250.00 | |
| Payroll July 1st to 15th | 288.40 | |
| Payroll July 15th to 31st | 250.00 | |
| Payroll August 1st to 15th | 250.00 | |
| Payroll August 15th to 31st | 250.00 | |
| Supplementary Payroll, Medical | 10.00 | |
| Payroll September 1st to 15th | 250.00 | |
| Payroll September 15th to 30th | 235.00 | |
| Payroll October 1st to 15th | 262.50 | |
| Payroll October 15th to 31st | 262.50 | |
| Payroll November 1st to 15th | 218.75 | |
| Payroll November 15th to 30th | 202.50 | |
| Payroll December 1st to 15th | 202.50 | |
| Payroll December 15th to 31st | 186.25 | |
| Supplementary Payroll, December 1 to December 31 | 27.00 | |
| | | $5,459.40 |
| Unexpended | | $1,005.54 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended 1941 | | $ 31.71 |
| U. S. Grant | | 80.71 |
| Total Available | | $112.42 |
| Harry Shaw, postage, telephone, mileage | | 35.63 |
| Unexpended | | $76.79 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,500.00 |
| State Case No. 59—cash | $297.85 | |
| State Case No. 61—cash | 348.00 | |
| Out of town Case No. 56—cash | 150.00 | |
| City of Springfield, Town Case No. 47 at Infirmary August 1, 1941 to September 30, 1942 | 532.50 | |
| C. H. Bennett, Rent State Case No. 61 | 90.00 | |
| Treasury of U. S., Administrative expenses 1942 | 44.68 | |
| Social Service Index | 3.00 | |
| Samuel Reynolds, storage on eggs and butter | 3.48 | |
| New England Cold Storage, storage on eggs and lard | 2.90 | |
| House of Mercy, care of Town Case No. 63 | 245.20 | |
| S. C. Wood Co., medical supplies Case No. 63 | 15.00 | |
| | | 1,732.61 |
| Unexpended | | $767.39 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $819.98 |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., 473 gals. gasoline | $87.06 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, tractor driver | 15.90 | |
| Alex. Radwich, labor | 2.00 | |
| Louis Blotz, labor | 2.25 | |
| James Brown, 12 gals gear oil | 14.00 | |
| New England Metal Culvert Co., 2 scraper blades | 14.70 | |
| H. W. Madigan, telephone | .45 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Berkshire Tractor Co., shaft for Cletrac | 26.95 | |
| S. A. Childs, 20 gals gas | 3.70 | |
| John Kelly, 1 grader wheel | 5.00 | |
| | | 172.01 |
| Unexpended | | $647.97 |
| Tractor Earnings, 1942, Chapter 81 | | 346.50 |
| Grader Earnings, 1942, Chapter 81 | | 80.85 |
| | | $1,075.32 |

## SNOW ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,200.00 |
| Claude Goodell, plowing snow | $162.50 | |
| John Peer, plowing snow, sanding, plates for tractor | 192.75 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., bolts and wrench | 4.93 | |
| Contractors Sales Co., parts for Monarch tractor | 6.49 | |
| H. W. Madigan, labor, car, telephone | 112.69 | |
| Victor Madigan, work on tractor | 21.50 | |
| John Kelly, truck sanding | 54.75 | |
| Irving Radwich, labor | 2.75 | |
| James S. Brown, 1 barrel oil | 45.25 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 41.25 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., gasoline | 24.22 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand | 80.71 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 2.50 | |
| Walter Bailey, State truck, operator, 4 hrs. | 3.00 | |
| Harold Delphia, State truck, helper, 4 hrs. | 2.50 | |
| Berkshire Mill Supply Co., 1 wire rope clip | .31 | |
| Dalton Auto Repair, work on Monarch | 11.56 | |
| Waconah Machine & Welding Co., work on plow | 2.80 | |
| Hinsdale Garage, penetrating oil | 1.00 | |
| L. A. Harris, changing batteries, cutting, drilling and welding | 4.88 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, tractor driver | 35.79 | |
| J. C. Ballou, spark plugs | 3.00 | |
| J. W. Childs, gasoline | 3.46 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck sanding | 33.75 | |
| | | 854.34 |
| Unexpended | | $345.66 |

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $55.00 |
| George Burnham, 63 hrs. labor mowing cemeteries | | 37.20 |
| Unexpended | | $17.80 |

## BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $100.00 |
| Becket Fire Department | | $100.00 |

## EDEN GLEN BOND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $25.00 |
| John Campbell, Sr., labor on dam | | 11.00 |
| Unexpended | | $14.00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $575.00 |
| Pittsfield Electric Co., garage service | $9.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, postage, telephone, mileage | 71.90 | |
| The Studley Press, town reports, envelopes | 121.50 | |
| The Village Press, ballots | 12.00 | |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., legal forms | 44.79 | |
| The Barre Gazette, tax collector's supplies | 19.90 | |
| Donald A. Hall, 11 real estate transfers | 4.40 | |
| Pittsfield Third Nat'l Bank, check books | 3.80 | |
| Joselyn & Jones, making keys for garage | 1.00 | |
| Boston & Albany Railroad, water rent and land rent | 6.00 | |
| Harry Shaw, postage, telephone, mileage | 20.53 | |
| Margaret Schulze, postage, telephone, mileage | 10.22 | |
| Theo. Waddell, certification of notes | 4.00 | |
| Berkshire County Selectmen's Ass'n, 1942 dues | 6.00 | |
| Robert Willis, steel files for Ration Board | 35.00 | |
| Berkshire Office Supply Co., alphabetical indexes | 3.70 | |
| John L. Peer, mileage, telephone, postage | 27.50 | |
| Ernest Schulze, mileage, Assessors' meeting | 5.36 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Mary Baack, mileage, Assessors' meeting | 6.78 | |
| Dorothy Durant, stamped envelopes | 27.76 | |
| Harry Olds, mileage, postage, Assessors' meeting | 11.47 | |
| Dalton Ave. Florist, floral piece, Mrs. Moore | 5.00 | |
| | | 457.62 |
| Unexpended | | $117.38 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $700.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 34.70 |
| Total available | | $734.70 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Clerk, Treasurer, Selectman's salary and registrations | $204.00 | |
| Archie Daigle, Sealer of Weights & Measures, 1941 | 10.00 | |
| David Watson, posting warrants, ballot clerk, building fires at Town Hall | 18.00 | |
| Daniel Fleming, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| Harry Olds, chairman of Assessors, ballot clerk | 56.00 | |
| John Peer, registrations, chairman of Selectmen | 127.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Assessor | 30.00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering | 35.50 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, Selectman's salary, registrations, drawing jurors | 60.00 | |
| Margaret Schulze, Tax Collector's salary | 100.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, collecting Dog Taxes | 15.20 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, ballot clerk | 6.00 | |
| Florence Simmons, chairman of School Committee | 25.00 | |
| Mary Baack, Assessor's salary | 30.00 | |
| May Sanderson, School Committee salary | 5.00 | |
| Bertha Pomeroy, School Committee salary | 5.00 | |
| George Ende, Inspector of Slaughtering | 5.00 | |
| | | $734.70 |

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $100.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 20.28 |
| Total available | | $120.28 |
| Arthur L. Wood, pins and arm bands | $13.25 | |
| The Village Press, 100 identification cards | 2.25 | |
| W. Wilder, siren for ambulance | 5.00 | |
| John Kelly, Purchase of ambulance and installing window | 74.00 | |
| Pierson Hardware Co., police whistles | 2.45 | |
| Mapleview Filling Station, gas and oil for ambulance | 7.58 | |
| George McGreigan, 26 pictures | 6.50 | |
| Joseph Woitkoski, 29 first aid arm bands | 7.25 | |
| L. A. Harris, alcohol for ambulance | 2.00 | |
| | | $120.28 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $400.00 |
| Transferred to: | | |
| Civilian defense | $20.28 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 2.83 | |
| Town Officers | 34.70 | |
| Snow fence | 27.45 | |
| | | 85.26 |
| Unexpended | | $314.74 |

## SNOW FENCE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $350.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | 27.45 | |
| Total available | | $377.45 |
| Carr Hardware Co., 800 ft. snow fence and guy wire | $88.75 | |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt. and car | 62.25 | |
| John Peer, truck | 19.25 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 90.00 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 43.70 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 41.30 | |
| Sidney Pomeroy, labor | 32.30 | |
| | | $377.45 |

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $500.00 |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt. and car | $12.01 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 7.20 | |
| Henry May, labor | 2.40 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 4.80 | |
| Sidney Pomeroy, labor | 4.80 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 18.00 | |
| D. D. Hopkins, 2040 ft. plank | 124.15 | |
| A. Leo Nach, 6 I beams | 137.39 | |
| | | 310.75 |
| Unexpended | | $189.25 |

## SCHOOL DOCTOR

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $500.00 |
| Dr. J. H. Fierman | $249.96 | |
| Dr. Kurt L. Hirschmann | 249.96 | |
| | | 499.92 |
| Unexpended | | $ .08 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $200.50 |
| M. D. E. Tower, policy No. UBT26036 | 200.50 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $37.50 |
| J. S. Ransehousen, Clerk and Treasurer's bond | $12.50 | |
| Mass. Bonding & Ins. Co., Tax Collector's bond | 17.00 | |
| | | 29.50 |
| Unexpended | | $ 8.00 |

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $45.00 |
| Margaret Schulze, Treasurer | $45.00 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $90.00 |
| E. H. Pierce Co., insurance on Town Hall, School, garage and equipment | | 85.85 |
| Unexpended | | $4.15 |

## FOREST WARDEN ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $100.00 |
| John Campbell, Jr., patrolling, care of equipment, putting up posters and issuing permits | $20.93 | |
| John Campbell, Sr., investigating fire at Irwin place | 1.50 | |
| | | 22.43 |
| Unexpended | | $77.57 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $30.00 |
| Pittsfield Third Nat'l Bank, Interest on loan | 19.42 |
| Unexpended | $10.58 |

## TREE WARDEN ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $25.00 |
| Unexpended | $25.00 |

## CONCRETING SPRING FOR SCHOOL WATER SUPPLY

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $40.00 |
| Unexpended | $40.00 |

## TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $30.00 |
| Unexpended | $30.00 |

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## CHAPTER 81

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $ 780.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 7,800.00 |
| Total available | | $8,580.00 |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt. | $919.49 | |
| H. W. Madigan, car | 249.22 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 730.50 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 739.25 | |
| John Peer, truck | 191.75 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 42.00 | |
| Charles Sparks, truck | 112.00 | |
| Ellery Heath, truck | 121.00 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 377.20 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 620.60 | |
| Alex. Radwich, labor | 449.30 | |
| Sidney Pomeroy, labor | 386.00 | |
| Philip Powers, labor | 52.00 | |
| Henry May, labor | 449.60 | |
| Arnold Radwich, labor | 117.90 | |
| Clinton Wood, labor | 14.40 | |
| James Galliher, labor | 15.30 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, tractor driver | 144.88 | |
| Murray Stone, tractor | 96.60 | |
| Town of Becket, grader | 18.40 | |
| Joseph Gillette, tractor mower | 199.75 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., power shovel | 428.00 | |
| Universal Crane Co., crane | 425.12 | |
| Freeman Whitehouse, crane helper | 63.37 | |
| Oscar W. Dodge, compressor | 90.40 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., cold patch and gravel | 105.32 | |
| Peirson Hardware Co., shovels, picks, etc. | 41.55 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., scythe stones, bolts and twine | 6.93 | |
| American Tar Co., 318 gals. tar | 39.75 | |
| T. A. Frissell, paint | 1.10 | |
| Fred Schulze, paint and brush | 4.45 | |
| Holland Geer, 200 ft. lumber | 6.60 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State Prison Colony, 25 concrete posts | 36.00 | |
| Berkshire Hardware Co., 6 potato hooks | 8.19 | |
| Earl Levernoch, gravel | 387.55 | |
| A. Leo Nash, culverts | 370.50 | |
| L. A. Harris, welding | 1.08 | |
| Jacob Zeitler, sharpening tools | 4.25 | |
| Oscar W. Dodge, dynamite, caps | 85.24 | |
| Tractor earnings | 346.50 | |
| Grader earnings | 80.85 | |
| | | $8,579.89 |
| Unexpended | | $ .11 |

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $ 500.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 1,000.00 |
| County Appropriation | | 1,000.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 2.83 |
| Total available | | $2,502.83 |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt. | $155.39 | |
| H. W. Madigan, car | 44.70 | |
| Alex. Radwich, labor | 120.15 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 67.75 | |
| Henry May, labor | 124.15 | |
| Arnold Radwich, labor | 35.75 | |
| Charles Woodcock, labor | 15.00 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 102.15 | |
| James Galliher, labor | 10.00 | |
| Sidney Pomeroy, labor | 32.40 | |
| Freeman Whitehouse, crane helper | 34.50 | |
| Universal Crane Service, crane | 238.50 | |
| Murray Stone, tractor | 63.00 | |
| Town of Becket, grader | 12.00 | |
| Town of Otis, sand spreader | 12.00 | |
| American Tar Co., tar | 866.19 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 85.82 | |
| John Peer, truck | 147.95 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 91.46 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., grits | 243.97 | |
| | | $2,502.83 |

## RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | $5,459.40 |
| Old Age Administration | 35.63 |
| Welfare | 1,732.61 |
| Machinery | 172.01 |
| Snow Removal | 854.34 |
| School Doctor | 499.92 |
| Town Officers | 734.70 |
| Miscellaneous | 457.62 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 200.50 |
| Civilian Defense | 120.28 |
| Officers' Bonds | 29.50 |
| Sons and Daughters | 45.00 |
| Snow Fence | 377.45 |
| Chapter 81, labor and material omitting tractor and grader earnings | 8,152.54 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 85.85 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 2,502.83 |
| Forest Warden | 22.43 |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 |
| Eden Glen Dam | 11.00 |
| Cemeteries | 37.20 |
| Discount on Notes | 19.42 |
| Bridges | 310.75 |
| Total Selectmen's Orders | $21,960.98 |

Tractor and Grader Earnings, Chapter 81 $427.35

JOHN L. PEER,
HARRY C. SHAW,
C. A. R. SIMMONS,
Board of Selectmen.

## 1942 SONS AND DAUGHTERS REPORT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1942 Appropriation | | $45.00 |
| Clinton Wood, for piano | $15.00 | |
| Viale Floral Co., wreath for Mr. Morgan | 5.00 | |
| | $20.00 | |
| No Reunion held, therefore there are unexpended | | $25.00 |

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
Treasurer.

## SALVAGE MONEY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First Salvage Drive | $231.80 | |
| Second Salvage Drive | 50.00 | |
| | | $281.80 |
| 12 Sirens | $169.67 | |
| Radio for School | 10.00 | |
| Easel, brushes and modeling clay for school | 10.00 | |
| Presents for boys in Service | 45.90 | |
| Postage, ribbon, cards, paper for sending packages | 8.17 | |
| School salvage second drive | 2.50 | |
| Installing one siren | 2.00 | |
| Total expended | | 248.24 |
| | | $33.56 |

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1942 | $10,662.70 |
| Taxes 1939 | 52.63 |
| Taxes 1940 | 351.04 |
| Taxes 1941 | 622.68 |
| Taxes 1942 | 4,067.68 |
| Motor Excise 1941 | 77.99 |
| Motor Excise 1942 | 666.72 |
| Interest on Taxes | 61.93 |
| Demand on Taxes | .35 |
| Income Tax | 717.61 |
| Massachusetts School Fund Part 2 | 1,537.68 |
| School Superintendent | 385.57 |
| High School Transportation | 730.56 |
| High School Tuition | 897.90 |
| Vocational Education | 211.88 |
| Loss of Taxes | 3,284.32 |
| Highways, Chapter 420 | 1,452.90 |
| Highways, Chapter 81, 1941 | 540.89 |
| Highways, Chapter 81, 1942 | 5,769.59 |
| Highways, Chapter 90 State | 1,000.00 |
| Highways, Chapter 90 County | 1,000.00 |
| Corporation Tax | 128.06 |
| Division of Live Stock | 12.50 |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant | 2,423.00 |
| Old Age Administration | 80.71 |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 2,149.64 |
| Old Age Assistance, Cities and Towns | 96.07 |
| County Dog Refund | 104.34 |
| Welfare Cities and Towns | 230.00 |
| Chapter 64B, acts of 1941, meal tax | 32.00 |
| Forestry | 3.25 |
| Refund First Aid | 1.19 |
| Support of Indigent Persons | 166.44 |
| Travelers Insurance Refund | 7.51 |
| Tractor Earnings, Chapter 81 | 346.50 |
| Grader Earnings, Chapter 81 | 80.85 |
| Dog Licenses | 108.60 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sealer of Weights and Measures, refund | 4.19 | |
| Temporary Aid and Transportation | 1,242.02 | |
| Revenue Loan | 7,500.00 | |
| Business Corporation Tax | 62.12 | |
| Income Tax | 538.64 | |
| One-half Highways Chapter 420 | 1,452.89 | |
| Selectmen's Licenses | 397.00 | |
| | | $51,260.14 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Treasurer

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State Tax | $600.00 | |
| State Parks | 8.87 | |
| State Audit | 73.02 | |
| County Tax | 384.89 | |
| Dog License | 108.60 | |
| Revenue Loan | 7,500.00 | |
| School orders | 7,500.00 | |
| Selectmen's orders | 22,388.33 | |
| Excise Tax refunds | 72.09 | |
| | | $38,635.80 |
| Cash in bank | | 12,007.92 |
| Cash on hand | | 616.42 |
| | | $51,260.14 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Treasurer.

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## DOG LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male dogs licensed, 38 at $2.00 | $76.00 | |
| Female dogs licensed, 5 at $5.00 | 25.00 | |
| Spayed female dogs licensed, 9 at $2.00 | 18.00 | |
| | | $119.00 |
| Fees retained | | 10.40 |
| | | $108.60 |

## HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses, 11 at $2.00 | $22.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses, 4 at $2.00 | 8.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses, 5 at $3.25 | 16.25 | |
| Resident Citizens' Women's and Minor Licenses, 6 at $1.25 | 7.50 | |
| Resident Minor Trapper's Licenses, 1 at $2.25 | 2.25 | |
| Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses, 1 at $5.25 | 5.25 | |
| Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses, Free, 7 | | |
| Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing License, 1 at $1.50 | 1.50 | |
| | | $62.75 |
| Fees retained | | 7.25 |
| | | $55.50 |

## BIRTHS

| | |
|---|---|
| Feb. 28 | John Henry Campbell, son of John Henry Campbell and Yvonne Beatrice (Lampro) Campbell. |
| Mar. 20 | Nancy Irene Burnham, daughter of George Newell Burnham and Dorothy Mae (Leighton) Burnham. |
| Aug. 23 | Linda Jerilyn Meiers, daughter of John Harding Meiers and Doris Thelma (Keiper) Meiers. |
| Sept. 7 | Kay Anna Wagner, daughter of Norbert Wagner and Edith Selecia (Peer) Wagner. |
| Sept. 6 | Wayne Paul Elliott, son of Robert Gray Elliot and Louise Emeline (Stone) Elliot. |
| Oct. 27 | Sandra Lucy Levernoch, daughter of Erwin Levernoch and Erma Anna (Simmons) Levernoch. |
| Dec. 30 | Baby Frey, daughter of Russell William Frey and Mary Bashford (Rudy) Frey. |

## DELAYED BIRTHS

| | |
|---|---|
| July 7, 1866 | Frank Howard Hart, son of Asahel E. Hart and Samantha A. (Dibble) Hart. |
| May 10, 1873 | Henry Pandell, son of Aesene Pandell and Louise (Costo) Pandell. |

## DEATHS

| | |
|---|---|
| Dec. 9, 1941 | William N. Hull, age 46. |
| Apr. 7, 1942 | Alfred Midgley, aged 75. |
| Nov. 21, 1942 | Gertrude H. Moore, age 72. |
| Dec. 9, 1942 | Hattie Middlebrook Hoyt, age 72. |

## MARRIAGES

| | |
|---|---|
| Feb. 14, 1942 | Francis Edward Dwyer and Marion Rita Loehr. |
| Apr. 18, 1942 | Dominick Ciavattone and Madeon Noll. |
| June 23, 1942 | David Musante and Stella Marie Methe. |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Town Clerk.

# ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1942

## RECAPITULATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation | $20,519.21 | |
| To be taken from available funds | 819.98 | |
| | | $21,339.19 |
| State Tax: | | |
| State Tax | $600.00 | |
| State Parks and Reservations | 8.87 | |
| State Audit | 73.02 | |
| | | 681.89 |
| County Tax: | | |
| County Tax | $384.89 | 384.89 |
| Overlay of current year | | 190.54 |
| | | $22,596.51 |

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Income Tax | $1,077.28 | |
| Corporation Taxes | 94.99 | |
| Reimbursement, account State owned lands | 3,284.32 | |
| Gasoline Tax (Acts of 1941 Ch. 420) | 2,905.79 | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise | 425.00 | |
| Licenses | 350.00 | |
| Health and Sanitation | 12.50 | |
| Charities | 1,000.00 | |
| Schools | 2,500.00 | |
| Interest on Taxes and assessments | 50.00 | |
| | | $11,699.88 |
| Overestimates of Previous Year: | | |
| (a) State Parks | .58 | |
| (b) Veterans Exemption | .17 | |
| Amount voted to be taken from available funds; amount and date approved by Commissioner: | | |
| $5,000.00 4/8/42 | | |
| 819.98 5/22/42 | 5,819.98 | |
| Total available funds | 5,820.73 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total estimated Receipts and available funds | | 17,520.61 |
| Net amount to be raised by Taxation on Polls and Property | | 5,075.90 |
| Number of Polls, 81 at $2.00 each | $162.00 | |
| Total valuation Personal Property $25,855 | 620.52 | |
| Real Estate, $178,891, at $24 rate | 4,293.38 | |
| Total taxes levied on Polls and Property | | 5,075.90 |

Tax rate fixed on June 4, 1942.

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF POLLS, PROPERTY, AND TAXES

As Assessed January 1, 1942

| Number of Persons Assessed | Individuals | All Others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| One Personal Estate only | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| On Real Estate only | 79 | 4 | 83 |
| On both Personal & Real Estate | 20 | | 20 |
| | | | 114 |
| Number of Polls assessed | | | 81 |

## VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Machinery | $18,600 | |
| Live Stock | 6,936 | |
| All Other Tangible Personal Property | 319 | |
| | | $25,855 |

## VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Land exclusive of buildings | $117,281 | |
| Buildings exclusive of land | 61,610 | |
| | | 178,891 |
| Total Value of Assessed Estate | | $204,746 |

Tax rate for $1,000.00—$24.00

## TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND TOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING OVERLAY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On Personal Estate | $620.52 | |
| On Real Estate | 4,293.38 | |
| On Polls | 162.00 | |
| Total Taxes Assessed | | $5,075.90 |

## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK ASSESSED

| | |
|---|---|
| Horses (1 year old or over) | 26 |
| Neat Cattle: | |
| Milch Cows (1 year or over) | 119 |
| Yearlings, bulls, heifers (1 year or over) | 48 |
| Swine (6 months or over) | 3 |
| Sheep (6 months or over) | 18 |
| Fowl | 1,260 |
| All other | 170 |
| Number of acres of land assessed | 13,286 |
| Number of dwellings assessed | 95 |

## REAL ESTATE, TOWN OF WASHINGTON

| | Acres | Value | Buildings | Value | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall Right | ½ | $25 | Town Hall | $1000 | $1025 |
| | | | 2 Schools | 1500 | 1500 |
| Part of Bennett Place | 6 | 100 | Garage | 2000 | 2100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 75 | | | 75 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beech Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| Norton Lot (Pease Lot) | 2 | 30 | | | 30 |
| Part of Parrish Lot | 8 | 50 | | | 50 |
| | | | | | 5,980 |

(Signed)

HARRY D. OLDS,
MARY BAACK,
ERNEST F. SCHULZE,
Assessors.

# 1942 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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1938 Property Taxes as per 1941 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $76.56 |
| Still uncollected | 76.56 |

1939 Property Taxes as per 1941 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $52.63 |
| Collected, paid Treasurer | 52.63 |

Interest collected on 1939 Taxes in 1942 $8.23

1940 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. in 1940 prop. taxes | $3,670.40 | Real estate warrant | $4,258.35 |
| Abated 1940 prop. taxes | 68.64 | Personal warrant | 636.14 |
| Taken by Tax Title in 1941 | 1.92 | Poll tax warrant | 164.00 |
| Paid Treas. in 1941 prop. taxes | 789.24 | Omitted poll warrant | 4.00 |
| Paid Treas. in 1942 prop. taxes | 351.04 | | |
| Paid Treas. in 1940 Poll taxes | 114.00 | | |
| Abated Poll taxes in 1940 | 22.00 | | |
| Abated in 1941 Poll taxes | 6.00 | | |
| Collected and paid Treas. in 1941 Poll taxes | 26.00 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 13.25 | | |
| | $5,062.49 | | $5,062.94 |

Total Interest Collected on 1940 Taxes in 1942, $24.59

1941 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas in 1941 prop. taxes | $3,940.30 | Prop. tax warrant | $4,259.54 |
| Certified to tax title | 1.92 | Personal tax warrant | 629.28 |
| Abated prop taxes | 59.28 | Poll tax warrant | 162.00 |
| Paid Treas. in 1942 prop. taxes | 614.08 | Omitted Poll tax | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. in 1941 | | warrant | 2.00 |
| Poll taxes | 130.00 | | |
| Abated Poll taxes in 1941 | 20.00 | | |
| Paid Treas. in 1942 Poll taxes | 14.00 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 273.24 | | |
| | $5,052.82 | | $5,052.82 |

1941 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas in 1941 | $804.71 | Excise warrants | $898.39 |
| Abated in 1941 | 15.69 | | |
| Collected and paid Treas. in 1942 | 77.99 | | |
| | $898.39 | | $898.39 |

Total 1941 Interest collected in 1942, $27.37

1942 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. property taxes | $3,951.68 | 1942 prop. tax warrant | $4,293.38 |
| Abated prop. taxes | 57.96 | Personal warrant | 620.52 |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 904.26 | Poll tax warrant | 162.00 |
| Collected Poll taxes | 116.00 | | |
| Abated Poll taxes | 24.00 | | |
| Uncollected Poll taxes | 22.00 | | |
| | $5,075.90 | | $5,075.90 |

1942 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. | $666.72 | Warrants | $705.78 |
| Abated | 9.63 | | |
| Uncollected | 29.43 | | |
| | $705.78 | | $705.78 |

1942 Interest Collected, $2.01; costs, 35 cents

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,

Collector of Taxes.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $7,500.00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,254.04 | |
| Nellie Jo Hunt | 988.00 | |
| Massachusetts Retirement | 117.75 | |
| J. J. Rolfe, Superintendent | 714.19 | |
| Gladys Leasot, art supervisor | 100.00 | |
| Rose Conley, nurse | 35.00 | |
| Superintendent expenses | 27.10 | |
| John L. Peer, local transportation | 719.50 | |
| C. A. Wallin, High School transportation | 1,123.20 | |
| Stella Methe, High School transportation | 16.50 | |
| Joseph Loehr, High School transportation | 48.30 | |
| City of Pittsfield, tuition | 1,028.12 | |
| City of Pittsfield, elementary tuition | 157.92 | |
| Town of Dalton, tuition | 384.00 | |
| Text books | 52.09 | |
| Stationery and supplies | 50.21 | |
| Janitor | 160.66 | |
| Fuel | 178.84 | |
| Lights | 14.03 | |
| Repairs | 262.97 | |
| Library | 16.63 | |
| Miscellaneous | 46.00 | |
| School Committee | 4.00 | |
| Medical supplies | .95 | |
| Total expended | | $7,500.00 |

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of the
Town of Washington, Massachusetts:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

## Elementary School Enrollment

On December 31, 1942, there were 34 pupils enrolled in the Valley School, distributed as follows:

| *Teacher* | *Grade* | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII |
| Hunt, Nellie Jo | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | | | | |
| May, Mrs. Maude | | | | | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 |

Dorothy Frey and William Loehr attended the Dawes Elementary School in Pittsfield. The total of 36 elementary school pupils is 6 less than last year.

## High School Enrollment

**Dalton High School**

Freshman Class—Charlotte Radwich
Sophomore Class—None
Junior Class—Laura Sanderson
Senior Class—Norman Sanderson, Edith Radwich

**Pittsfield Junior High School**
Ninth Grade—Joseph Loehr

**Pittsfield High School**
Sophomore Class—Patricia Kelley, Mary Jane Rock
Junior Class—Barbara Peer, Jacqueline Couture
Post Graduate—Ralph Simmons

**Pittsfield Vocational School**
Alan Pomeroy, William Walden, Arnold Radwich, Phyllis Gillette

Total—14

## High School Tuition Rates

The tuition rate in Dalton has increased from $112 in 1941 to $125 in 1942. The rate of $118 in Pittsfield has not increased but it is likely that there will be a substantial increase next year. The Vocational School rate remains the same at $100 per year.

## Reimbursements From Commonwealth of Mass.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| General Fund: Part I | $616.25 | |
| General School Fund: Part II | 1,537.68 | |
| Account of Union Supt. | 385.57 | |
| High School Tuition | 897.90 | |
| High School Transportation | 730.56 | |
| Vocational Tuition | 92.50 | |
| Vocational Transportation | 119.38 | |
| Total Reimbursements 1942 | $4,379.84 | |
| Total Expenditures | | $7,500.00 |
| Total Reimbursements 1942 | | 4,379.84 |
| Net Cost to Taxpayers | | $3,120.16 |

## Budget for 1943

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Teachers' Salaries | $2,550.00 |
| 2. | Textbooks | 50.00 |
| 3. | Stationery and Supplies | 60.00 |
| 4. | Janitor | 150.00 |
| 5. | Fuel | 175.00 |
| 6. | Lights | 15.00 |
| 7. | Library | 20.00 |
| 8. | Health | 50.00 |
| 9. | Local Transportation | 720.00 |
| 10. | High School Transportation | 1,200.00 |
| 11. | Elementary Tuition | 140.00 |
| 12. | High School Tuition | 1,550.00 |
| 13. | Superintendent's Salary & Expense | 745.00 |
| 14. | New Equipment and Repairs | 45.00 |
| 15. | Miscellaneous | 30.00 |
| | Total 1943 Budget | $7,500.00 |

## Teachers

During the past year we have been very fortunate to have had no changes in our teaching staff. The situation as regards teachers available for teaching positions is critical. Students graduating from high school for the past two years have been unwilling to spend four years more in preparation for teaching, because the opportunities in the teaching profession for

earning enough to repay them for the effort and expenditure of money are so few. Many are leaving their teaching positions to enter other fields where opportunities seem much more attractive. We are faced with no alternative other than to employ people who, in normal times, would not be regarded as good material. Let us hope that if vacancies do occur we shall be fortunate enough to be able to employ teachers who will be a credit to our school system.

## Rationing

The education department of Washington has during the past year had a most welcome opportunity of serving the townspeople and of getting acquainted with them, through the rationing of gasoline, sugar, and fuel oil. We appreciate the splendid spirit in which the people of Washington accepted some of the disappointments encountered in the rationing program. In February we shall have the duty of issuing Ration Book Number Two. At that time it will probably be necessary to close school for several days because the task will take 50% longer than the time that was necessary for the issuance of the sugar books last year.

I, personally, appreciate the efficiency, willingness, and cooperation of Mrs. Simmons and the Washington teachers in a job that often proved discouraging, that of rationing.

## Building

During the school year we had trouble with the water system on two occasions but these difficulties were expected when the system was installed. The situation will be improved somewhat by providing some type of insulating siding for the building.

Each of the two entrances should be provided with storm vestibules. With the doors exposed to the weather it is impossible to keep them tight. Each year important improvements have been made to the Valley School but it is advisable to continue this practice so that eventually we shall have a school building that will meet certain generally accepted standards.

## REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

January 7, 1943

Mr. John Rolfe
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Mass.
Dear Mr. Rolfe:

During the past year the drawing in the primary room has centered around whatever project the room teacher was taking up at that time. Cooperation of that sort makes the work much more interesting, both for the pupils and the teacher. Many good arts and crafts projects were carried out by Miss Hunt. The free hand drawing was continued as well, as it is important that the child learns to draw when he is young.

In the grammar room a study was made of the early American craftsmen. After having learned the names of five wrought iron hinges, they were drawn up and made out of heavy black paper. Hooked rugs, braided rugs, and patch worked quilts were designed by the class. A large fireplace with its essential hooks, cranes and oven was then made. This fireplace was mounted on oak tag, 12 x 18. Underneath the fireplace was a braided rug, while two large wooden settles balanced on each side. A Yankee clipper ship was next made and from there the children set sail for China. After the holidays we shall spend considerable time drawing pictures on the occupation, transportation, architecture and costumes of the Chinese.

Children in both primary and grammar rooms sent work to be exhibited at the Natural History Museum in New York City, on "Young America Paints."

In closing, I wish to thank those who have helped to make the art work a success.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS F. LEASOT,
Art Supervisor.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Washington School Committee
Washington, Mass.

Thirty-four school children were examined in October, 1942. They were found to be in good health and nutrition.

Several children showed enlarged and apparently diseased tonsils. The parents of these children were notified. More attention should be paid to proper conservation of teeth, their importance cannot be emphasized enough. Poor teeth means a handicap to the child's health and social future.

K. L. HIRSCHMANN, M.D.
Becket, Mass.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Hinsdale, Mass, January 1, 1943

Mr. John Rolfe
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Mass.
Dear Mr. Rolfe:

I am submitting the report of health activities in Washington Center School for the year.

The physical examinations were given by Dr. K. L. Hirschmann. A health visit is made to the school each month. The following are the defects found.

| | |
|---|---|
| Poor posture | 2 |
| Fallen arches | 4 |
| Tonsil cases | 6 |

On November 2, 1942, Dr. Glade E. Hall examined all childred and on December 8th and 9th, a dental clinic was held.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. of operations | 30 at $.60 | Total $18.00 |

I wish to thank the teachers and parents for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
ROSE K. CONLEY,
School Nurse.

## Conclusion

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the School Committee, the teachers, the various town officials, and to the townspeople, for the good will, understanding, and cooperation, that I have received during the past year.

During the troubled times ahead let us resolve that we will keep the influences of war as far as possible from the lives of the children of Washington. Let us realize that the children of America constitute the future of America and that by neglecting the education of those children we will be jeopardizing that kind of America for which we are fighting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. ROLFE,
Superintendent of Schools.

# REPORT OF AN AUDIT

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Dcember 7, 1942

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. John L. Peer, Chairman
Washington, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from November 23, 1941, to November 14, 1942, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from November 23, 1941, the date of the previous examination, to November 14, 1942, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments collecting or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked and verified.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the department collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants approved by the board of selectmen authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The cash book addition was verified and the cash balance November 14, 1942, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, and the subsequent commitments of taxes, were audited and proved with the warrant given by the board of assessors. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the recorded abatements were checked with the record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The tax collector's cash on hand November 14, 1942, was proved by actual count.

It is recommended that prompt action be taken to bring about a settlement of all taxes of prior years.

The record of tax titles held by the town was examined and checked with the collector's and the treasurer's accounts.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued and the payments to the State and the town treasurer were verified.

It was found that the expenditures on a Chapter 90 highway maintenance project were in excess of the funds available for this purpose. In this connection it should be noted that while the town treasurer borrowed funds in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County under authority of Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws, the amount of the loan issued proved to be insufficient to meet the payments chargeable to this account. It is apparent that the treasurer tried to finance the state- and county-aided highway projects in a legal manner, but, as stated, the amount of the loan proved to be inadequate.

The receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked with the record of fees charged, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand November 14, 1942, was counted.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare department were examined. The charges were listed, the recorded collections and abatements were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 14, 1942.

Appended also to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | | $12,703.55 | |
| Receipts November 23 to December 31, 1941, | | 4,050.98 | |
| | | | $16,754.53 |
| Payments November 23 to December 31, 1941, | | $6,091.83 | |
| Balance December 31, 1941, | | 10,662.70 | |
| | | | $16,754.53 |
| Balance January 1, 1942, | | $10,662.70 | |
| Receipts January 1 to November 14, 1942, | | 31,171.18 | |
| | | | $41,833.88 |
| Payments January 1 to November 14, 1942, | | $25,124.82 | |
| Balance November 14, 1942: | | | |
| Pittsfield Third National Bank, | $13,409.91 | | |
| Cash in office, verified, | 3,299.15 | | |
| | | 16,709.06 | |
| | | | $41,833.88 |

*Pittsfield Third National Bank*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance November 14, 1942, per statement, | | $14,872.47 |
| Balance November 14, 1942, per check book, | $13,409.91 | |
| Outstanding checks November 14, 1942, per list, | 1,462.56 | |
| | | $14,872.47 |

## RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash balances November 14, 1942, per tables: | | |
| Taxes 1942, | $4.92 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes 1942, | .92 | |
| Interest and costs on taxes, | .05 | |
| | | $5.89 |
| Cash on hand November 14, 1942, verified, | | $5.89 |

### TAXES—1938

| | |
|---|---|
| Outstanding November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | $76.56 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1941, and November 14, 1942, per list, | $76.56 |

### TAXES—1939

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | | $103.62 |
| Payments to treasurer November 23 to December 31, 1941, | $50.99 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1941, | 52.63 | |
| | | $103.62 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1942, | | $52.63 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | | $52.63 |

## TAXES—1940

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | | $446.46 |
| Payments to treasurer November 23 to December 31, 1941, | $76.17 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1941, | 370.29 | |
| | | $446.46 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1942, | | $370.29 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | $268.39 | |
| Abatements January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 6.00 | |
| Outstanding November 14, 1942, per list, | 95.90 | |
| | | $370.29 |

## TAXES—1941

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | $1,048.43 | |
| Additional commitments November 23 to December 31, 1941, | 2.00 | |
| | | $1,050.43 |
| Payments to treasurer November 23 to December 31, 1941, | $145.19 | |
| Transfer to tax titles November 23 to December 31, 1941, | 1.92 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1941, | 903.32 | |
| | | $1,050.43 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1942, | | $903.32 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | $292.22 | |
| Abatements January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 2.00 | |
| Outstanding November 14, 1942, per list, | 609.10 | |
| | | $903.32 |

## TAXES—1942

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitment January 1 to November 14, 1942, per warrants, | | $5,075.90 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | $3,904.12 | |
| Abatements January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 77.96 | |
| Outstanding November 14, 1942, per list, | 1,088.90 | |
| Cash balance November 14, 1942, | 4.92 | |
| | | $5,075.90 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1941

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | $32.99 | |
| Additional commitments November 23 to December 31, 1941, | 67.16 | |
| Abatement after payment refunded November 23 to December 31, 1941, | 6.25 | |
| | | $106.40 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Payments to treasurer November 23 to December 31, 1941, | $28.41 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1941, | 77.99 | |
| | | $106.40 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1942, | | $77.99 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | | $77.99 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1942

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Comitment January 1 to November 14, 1942, per warrants, | $697.23 | |
| Abatements after payment January 1 to November 14, 1942, refunded, | 72.09 | |
| | | $769.32 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | $651.80 | |
| Abatements January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 79.17 | |
| Outstanding November 14, 1942, per list, | 37.43 | |
| Cash balance November 14, 1942, | .92 | |
| | | $769.32 |

## INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | | $3.66 | |
| Collections November 23, 1941 to November 14, 1942: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1939, | $10.34 | | |
| Levy of 1940, | 20.36 | | |
| Levy of 1941, | 10.28 | | |
| Levy of 1942, | .05 | | |
| | | 41.03 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1941, | $1.80 | | |
| Levy of 1942, | .88 | | |
| | | 2.68 | |
| Costs: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1939, | $1.40 | | |
| Levy of 1940, | 3.85 | | |
| Levy of 1941, | .35 | | |
| | | 5.60 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1941, | $.35 | | |
| Levy of 1942, | 2.80 | | |
| | | 3.15 | |
| | | | $56.12 |
| Payments to treasurer: | | | |
| November 23 to December 31, 1941, | $9.87 | | |
| January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 37.45 | | |
| | | $47.32 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fees retained: | | | |
| November 23 to December 31, 1941, | $1.05 | | |
| January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 7.70 | | |
| | | 8.75 | |
| Cash balance November 14, 1942: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Taxes 1942, | | .05 | |
| | | | $56.12 |

## TAX TITLES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | $25.61 | |
| Transfer to tax titles November 23 to December 31, 1941: | | |
| Taxes 1941, | 1.92 | |
| Interest and costs, | .07 | |
| | | $27.60 |
| Balance December 31, 1941, and November 14, 1942, per list, | | $27.60 |

## SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to November 14, 1942: | | |
| Alcoholic, | $350.00 | |
| Common victualler, | 4.00 | |
| Junk, | 30.00 | |
| Used-car dealer, | 6.00 | |
| Amusement, | 2.00 | |
| Milk, | .50 | |
| Sunday, | 2.00 | |
| Gasoline, | 2.00 | |
| Cabin, | .50 | |
| | | $397.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | | $397.00 |

## TOWN CLERK

### *Dog Licenses*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to November 14, 1942: | | | |
| Males, | 38 @ $2.00, | $76.00 | |
| Females, | 5 @ 5.00, | 25.00 | |
| Spayed females, | 9 @ 2.00, | 18.00 | |
| | | | $119.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | | $108.60 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 52 @ $.20, | 10.40 | |
| | | | $119.00 |

## TOWN CLERK

*Sporting Licenses*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | | $5.25 | |
| Licenses issued November 23 to December 31, 1941: | | | |
| Resident citizens' hunting, | 5 @ $2.00, | 10.00 | |
| | | | $15.25 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game, November 23 to December 31, 1941, | | $14.00 | |
| Fees retained November 23 to December 31, 1941, | 5 @ $.25, | 1.25 | |
| | | | $15.25 |
| Licenses issued January 1 to November 14, 1942: | | | |
| Resident citizens' fishing, | 11 @ $2.00, | $22.00 | |
| Resident citizens' hunting, | 2 @ 2.00, | 4.00 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting, | 5 @ 3.25, | 16.25 | |
| Resident citizen minors' and females' fishing | 6 @ 1.25, | 7.50 | |
| Resident citizen's minor trapping, | 1 @ 2.25, | 2.25 | |
| Resident citizen's trapping, | 1 @ 5.25, | 5.25 | |
| Special non-resident fishing, | 1 @ 1.50, | 1.50 | |
| | | | $58.75 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game, January 1 to November 14, 1942, | | $52.00 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 27 @ $.25, | 6.75 | |
| | | | $58.75 |

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | | $4.18 |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1941, | | $4.18 |
| Cash on hand January 1, 1942, | $4.18 | |
| Fees January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 2.62 | |
| Overpayment to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, adjusted, | .01 | |
| | | $6.81 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | $4.19 | |
| Cash on hand November 14, 1942, verified, | 2.62 | |
| | | $6.81 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

*Accounts Receivable*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | $1,676.85 | |
| Charges November 23 to December 31, 1941, | 520.70 | |
| | | $2,197.55 |
| Payments to treasurer November 23 to December 31, 1941, | $2,029.31 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1941, | 168.24 | |
| | | $2,197.55 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1942, | $168.24 | |
| Charges January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 1,518.22 | |
| | | $1,686.46 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | $357.44 | |
| Outstanding November 14, 1942, per list, | 1,329.02 | |
| | | $1,686.46 |

## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

*Accounts Receivable*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 23, 1941, per previous audit, | $108.33 | |
| Charges November 23 to December 31, 1941, | 253.31 | |
| | | $361.64 |
| Payments to treasurer November 23 to December 31, 1941, | $324.98 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1941, | 36.66 | |
| | | $361.64 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1942, | $36.66 | |
| Charges January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 1,741.90 | |
| | | $1,778.56 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 14, 1942, | $1,741.90 | |
| Abatements January 1 to November 14, 1942, | 36.66 | |
| | | $1,778.56 |

# TOWN OF WASHINGTON

**Balance Sheet—November 14, 1942**

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

| Assets | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | $16,709.06 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1938, | $76.56 | |
| Levy of 1940, | 95.90 | |
| Levy of 1941, | 609.10 | |
| Levy of 1942, | 1,093.82 | |
| | | 1,875.38 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1942, | | 38.35 |
| Tax Titles, | | 27.60 |
| Departmental: | | |
| Public Welfare, | | 1,329.02 |
| Aid to Highways: | | |
| State—Chapter 81, | $4,455.79 | |
| State—Chapter 90, | 1,000.00 | |
| County—Chapter 90, | 1,000.00 | |
| | | 6,455.79 |
| Overdrawn Account— | | |
| Highways—Chapter 90, Maintenance, | | 2,000.00 |
| | | $28,435.20 |

| Liabilities and Reserves | | |
|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loan: | | |
| In Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | $7,500.00 |
| State Tax and Assessments: | | |
| State Tax, | $600.00 | |
| State Parks and Reservations, | 8.87 | |
| State Audit, | 73.02 | |
| | | 681.89 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | 138.41 |
| Dog Licenses, | | 59.40 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | 1,087.36 |
| Unexpended Balances: | | |
| General, | $7,576.92 | |
| Civilian Defense, | 1.19 | |
| Eden Glen Pond Dam, | 87.95 | |
| Concrete Spring for School, | 40.00 | |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | |
| Assistance, | 802.44 | |
| Administration, | 94.39 | |
| | | 8,602.89 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 724.85 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1938, | $76.56 | |
| Levy of 1940, | 62.29 | |
| Levy of 1941, | 103.35 | |
| Levy of 1942, | 112.58 | |
| | | 354.78 |
| Revenue Available When Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, | $38.35 | |
| Tax Title, | 27.60 | |
| Departmental, | 1,329.02 | |
| State and County Aid to Highways | 2,300.00 | |
| | | 3,694.97 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | |
| Current Year, | $726.06 | |
| Prior Years, | 4,864.59 | |
| | | 5,590.65 |
| | | $28,435.20 |

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# Honor Roll

## ARMY

Elmer Radwick
Ralph Simmons
Andrew Methe
Robert Sanderson
Charles Lane
Norman Sanderson
Harry Madigan, Jr.
Leonard Levernoch
Clarence Wood
James Rock
Dewey Walden

## NAVY

Francis Lane
Robert Keiper
Harry Shaw
Walter Shaw
Carl W. Peer
Lawrence Symonds

## HONORABLY DISCHARGED

William Burnham
Francis Rock

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

### February 7, 1944

Polls will open at 10 A.M. and close at 2 P.M. The business meeting will open at 1 P.M.

**Art. 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art 2.** To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers: one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor, and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3.** To hear the reports of the various Town Officers, and to act thereon.

**Art. 4.** To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense and suits against the Town for the ensuing year and bring suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 5.** To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $7,600.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 6.** To hear and act on the report of Doctor Hirschmann and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 or any other sum for a School Doctor or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning January 1st, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1035.25 to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations) Maintenance of Highways, (Chapter 81) $650.00. Snow Removal $2,000.00. Repairs and Maintenance of Bridges, $250.00. Town Officers, $735.00. Chapter 90 Maintenance, $250.00. Miscellaneous, $575.00. Tree Warden $50.00. Officers Bonds, $37.50. Discount on Notes, $30.00. Forest Warden, $100.00. Old Age Assistance, $2,000.00. Old Age Administration, $54.77. Public Welfare, $700.00. Cemeteries, $60.00. Snow Fence, $350.00. Becket Fire Department, $100.00. Fire Insurance on Buildings, $90.00. Workmen's Compensation, $183.02. Soldier's Relief, $300.00. Eden Glen Pond, $25.00. Board of Health, $50.00. Reserve Account, $400.00. Salary of Rationing Board, $105.00. 4-H Club, $5.00.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for Civilian Defense.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for office rent and expenses of Rationing Board or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to the amount of $5,000.00 from available funds towards the reduction of 1944 Tax rate.

**Art. 13.** To choose all other Town officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark, Sextons and Constables.

**Art. 14.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

# TOWN OFFICERS IN 1943

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER
C. A. R. Simmons

## SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry Shaw | Term expires 1943 |
| John L. Peer, Chairman | Term expires 1944 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1945 |

## ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry Olds, Chairman | Term expires 1943 |
| Mary Baack | Term expires 1944 |
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1945 |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Bertha Pomeroy | Term expires 1943 |
| Florence Simmons, Chairman | Term expires 1944 |
| Mae Sanderson | Term expires 1945 |

## TREE WARDEN
Harry Madigan

## AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR
Marguerite Schulze

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Selectmen

## SEXTON

| | |
|---|---|
| George Burnham (Valley) | George Burnham (East) |
| George Burnham (Centre) | George Burnham (West) |

## APPOINTEES

FOREST WARDEN
John Campbell, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING
George Ende  Joseph N. Blotz

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS
Harry Madigan

FIELD DRIVERS
John L. Peer  John Wagner  William Little

POUND KEEPER
William Little

CONSTABLES
David Watson  C. A. R. Simmons
Henry Rock  Louis Sheean
Amos Gallant

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1943 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting, February 8th, and Special Meeting April 28th, 1943. Raised and Appropriated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Schools | $7,500.00 | |
| School Doctor | 500.00 | |
| Chapter 81 | 780.00 | |
| Snow Removal | 1,850.00 | |
| Bridges | 300.00 | |
| Town Officers | 735.00 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 250.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 575.00 | |
| Tree Warden | 75.00 | |
| Officers' Bonds | 37.50 | |
| Discount on Notes | 30.00 | |
| Forest Warden | 100.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,500.00 | |
| Old Age Administration | 76.79 | |
| Public Welfare | 1,000.00 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 500.00 | |
| Cemetery | 60.00 | |
| Snow Fence | 350.00 | |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 | |
| Insurance on Buildings | 90.00 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 197.94 | |
| Soldier's Relief | 50.00 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 25.00 | |
| Board of Health | 50.00 | |
| Reserve Account | 400.00 | |
| Old Bills | 44.92 | |
| Cleaning Debris caused by Ice Storm | 43.30 | |
| Civilian Defense | 50.00 | |
| Expenses of Ration Board | 125.00 | |
| 4-H Club | 5.00 | |
| Salary Rationing Board 1942 | 105.00 | |
| Salary Rationing Board 1943 | 105.00 | |
| | | $18,610.45 |
| Voted to appropriate to the Machinery Maintenance Account the sum of | | 1,075.32 |
| | | $19,685.77 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,500.00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 1,893.71 |
| Unexpended 1942 Balance | | 1,005.54 |
| Total Available | | $5,399.25 |
| Payroll: | | |
| Jan. 1 to 15 | $202.50 | |
| Jan. 15 to 31 | 162.50 | |
| February 1 to 15 | 162.50 | |
| February 15 to 28 | 142.50 | |
| March 1 to 15 | 142.50 | |
| March 15 to 31 | 224.50 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 181.50 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 292.50 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 155.20 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 173.45 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 132.00 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 221.60 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 189.00 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 195.00 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 233.50 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 152.00 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 152.00 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 152.00 | |
| Supplementary, September 15 | 13.00 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 153.20 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 153.65 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 152.00 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 167.00 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 132.00 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 134.50 | |
| Town of Dalton, care of Town case | 99.25 | |
| | | $4,271.35 |
| Unexpended | | $1,127.90 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended 1942 | $76.79 | |
| U. S. Grant 1943 | 63.03 | |
| Total available | | $139.82 |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., Legal forms and Binders | $9.57 | |
| Dorothy Durant, stamped envelopes | 27.76 | |
| Harry Shaw, postage, telephone & mileage | 47.72 | |
| | | 85.05 |
| Unexpended | | $54.77 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| U. S. Grant | $192.46 | |
| Appropriation | 500.00 | |
| Total available | | $692.46 |
| Case No. 1 | | 461.02 |
| Unexpended | | $231.44 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Raleigh Drug Co., Rabbi Vaccine | 4.10 |
| Unexpended | $45.90 |

## DISCOUNTS ON NOTES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $30.00 |
| Unexpended | $30.00 |

## SOLDIER'S RELIEF

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $100.00 |
| Unexpended | $100.00 |

## WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,000.00 |
| Case No. 52, coal | $19.37 | |
| Case No. 65, weekly aid | 93.00 | |
| City of Pittsfield, settlement on Ferdyn case | 657.61 | |
| City of Springfield, care and burial on case No. 47 | 207.50 | |
| Boston Council Social Agencies, social service index | 3.00 | |
| | | 980.48 |
| Unexpended | | $19.52 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $37.50 |
| Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co., Collector's bond | $16.00 | |
| C. D. Hobb Agency, clerk and treasurer's bond | 12.50 | |
| | | 28.50 |
| Unexpended | | $9.00 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $90.00 |
| E. H. Pierce Co., Insurance on Town Hall, weights and measures, Valley School, garage and equipment | 85.77 |
| Unexpended | $4.23 |

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $50.00 |
| John Peer, 12 gals. gas, ambulance | $2.46 | |
| J. C. Ballou, 9 gals. gas, ambulance | 1.85 | |
| | | 4.31 |
| Unexpended | | $45.69 |

## EDEN GLEN DAM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $25.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 1.00 |
| Total available | | $26.00 |
| John Peer, hauling 15 tons grits @ .65c | $9.75 | |
| John Campbell, labor on dam, 25 hrs. @ .65c | 16.25 | |
| | | $26.00 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $197.94 |
| Transferred from Reserve | 13.19 |
| Total available | $211.13 |
| M. D. E. Tower, Policy No. UB929868 | $211.13 |

## TREE WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $75.00 |
| Carr Hardware Co., 1-24 ft. ladder, 2 saws | $20.00 | |
| John Gardner, filing saws | 1.50 | |
| Claude Goodell, filing saws | 1.50 | |
| | | 23.00 |
| Unexpended | | $52.00 |

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $300.00 |
| John Kelly, truck | $13.65 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 3.90 | |
| Sidney Pomeroy, labor | 3.90 | |
| | | 21.45 |
| Unexpended | | $278.55 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,075.32 |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., set of grousers and stabilizing shaft | $186.05 | |
| H. E. Davis Tractor Co., 1 track link | 4.22 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., 211 gals. gas | 40.00 | |
| L. A. Harris, labor on tractor | 2.00 | |
| H. W. Madigan, labor on tractor | 5.00 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, labor on tractor | 9.80 | |
| John Peer, labor on tractor | 5.25 | |
| | | 252.32 |
| Unexpended | | $823.00 |
| Tractor earnings, Chapter 81 | | 187.50 |
| Grader earnings, Chapter 81 | | 24.75 |
| | | $1,035.25 |

## SNOW ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,500.00 |
| Transferred from reserve April 6th | | 19.08 |
| Appropriation, Special Meeting, April 28th | | 350.00 |
| Total available | | $1,869.08 |
| Arthur E. Smith, repairing magneto | $4.10 | |
| O'Connor Bros., 9 gals. anti-freeze | 8.40 | |
| Claude Goodell, plowing snow | 194.50 | |
| H. W. Madigan, plowing snow and repairing tractor and sanding | 200.12 | |
| John Kelly, plowing snow, labor, parts, sanding | 256.10 | |
| John Peer, plowing snow | 254.70 | |
| James Brown, barrel oil, 25 lbs. grease | 54.50 | |
| Jack Mulcare, headlight bulbs | 1.50 | |
| John Wagner, labor on tractor and sanding | 10.50 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck, sanding | 31.50 | |
| Louis Blotz, labor | 3.60 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 3.60 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 7.80 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Dalton Auto Repair, repairing Monarch | 14.98 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., bolts, nuts, etc. | 23.73 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand | 23.21 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., 618 gals. gasoline | 117.30 | |
| George Burnham, labor on tractor | 20.10 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, plowing snow | 112.66 | |
| Contractors Sales Co., parts and service, Monarch | 179.14 | |
| Michael Polank, labor on tractor | 6.90 | |
| Charles Lane, shoveling snow | 6.00 | |
| Harold Burnham, shoveling snow | 10.20 | |
| S. D. Miller, welding Monarch and sharpening grousers | 94.00 | |
| Emil Schulze, shoveling snow, 1 cord wood for garage | 21.40 | |
| L. A. Harris, work on tractor | 4.75 | |
| Arnold Radwich, shoveling snow | 4.80 | |
| Sylvia Childs, 27-2/10 gals. gas | 5.03 | |
| Frank Marrier, team on Beech rd. | 5.20 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, plowing snow | 6.00 | |
| William Walden, shoveling snow | 7.20 | |
| Tarbell Waters Co., battery and cables | 15.97 | |
| J. C. Ballou, anti-freeze, gasoline | 8.48 | |
| E. Murray, truck, plowing snow | 11.00 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor on plow | 15.65 | |
| Fred Connors, truck, plowing snow | 11.00 | |
| Peirson Hardware Co., bolts, nuts, etc. | 4.62 | |
| Jack Rose, Inc., 2 gals. hydraulic oil | 5.00 | |
| Pittsfield Welding Co., welding plow, Cletrac | 3.00 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., stabilizing shaft and labor on Cletrac | 42.64 | |
| Charles Wood, sanding | 3.90 | |
| | | $1,814.78 |
| Unexpended | | $54.30 |

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $60.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 5.00 |
| Total available | | $65.00 |
| George Burnham, labor mowing | | $65.00 |

## ICE STORM ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $43.30 |
| George Burnham, labor | $6.60 | |
| John Kelly, labor | 3.30 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, labor | 4.20 | |
| Arnold Radwich, labor | 18.60 | |
| John Peer, labor and pickup | 10.60 | |
| | | $43.30 |

## RATION BOARD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $210.00 |
| Henry Rock, 1942-1943 salary | $70.00 | |
| George Burnham, 1942-1943 salary | 70.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, 1942-1943 salary | 70.00 | |
| | | $210.00 |

## OLD BILLS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $44.92 |
| J. C. Ballou, nails, lumber, cement, etc. | $44.92 |

## 4-H CLUB

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $5.00 |
| Nellie Jo Hunt, lumber, paint | $5.00 |

## SCHOOL DOCTOR

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $500.00 |
| Dr. Kurt L. Hirschmann | 499.92 |
| Unexpended | $ .08 |

## BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $100.00 |
| Becket Fire Department | $100.00 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $735.00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Selectman, Clerk and Treasurer's salary and 1 Registration | $202.00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| Harry Olds, chairman of Assessors and ballot clerk | 56.00 | |
| David Watson, posting warrants, building fire, attending ballot box | 8.00 | |
| Margaret Schulze, Tax Collector's salary | 100.00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Inspector of Animals, Inspector of Slaughtering | 19.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Assessor's salary | 30.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, collecting dog taxes | 4.15 | |
| May Sanderson, School Committee salary | 5.00 | |
| John Peer, Selectmen's salary | 125.00 | |
| Bertha Pomeroy, School Committee salary | 5.00 | |
| Florence Simmons, secretary School Committee salary | 25.00 | |
| Harry Shaw, Selectmen's salary, drawing juror, and one registration | 53.00 | |
| Mary Baack, Assessor's salary | 30.00 | |
| George Ende, Inspector of Slaughtering | 5.00 | |
| Archie Daigle, Sealer of Weights and Measures | 20.00 | |
| | | 690.15 |
| Unexpended | | $44.85 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $575.00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, mileage, postage, telephone | $24.55 | |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., legal forms | 8.72 | |
| Wm. H. Shandoff, payroll book | 1.25 | |
| Studley Press, Town Reports and ballots | 132.10 | |
| Western Mass. Elec. Co., service in garage | 9.00 | |
| Pittsfield Third Nat. Bank, check books | 3.72 | |
| Ann L. Fyler, list of conveyances, 1942 | 3.50 | |
| Berkshire County Selectmen's Assn. Selectmen's dues | 9.00 | |
| B. & A. Railroad, waterpipe rent for school | 5.00 | |
| Margaret Schulze, postage, telephone | 7.32 | |
| The Barre Gazette, Tax Collector's supplies | 11.16 | |
| Charles Leirot, attorney on Ferdyn case | 15.00 | |
| New York Central Railroad, rent of land | 1.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, mileage | 2.04 | |
| Harry Shaw, mileage, postage, telephone | 10.05 | |
| Robinson Seal Co., income tax forms | 1.08 | |
| Harry Olds, postage, telephone, mileage | 7.76 | |
| John Peer, postage, telephone, mileage | 14.20 | |
| Mary Baack, postage, mileage | 6.36 | |
| | | 272.81 |
| Unexpended | | $302.19 |

## SNOW FENCE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $350.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 23.50 |
| Total available | | $373.50 |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt. and pickup | $20.70 | |
| Emil Schulze,labor | 54.70 | |
| Emil Schulze, wooden stakes | 3.00 | |
| Sidney Pomeroy, labor | 54.70 | |
| Allen Pomeroy, labor | 5.00 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 10.00 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 40.95 | |
| Charles Wood, labor | 7.48 | |
| Raymond Wood, Jr. labor | 40.95 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 114.42 | |
| John Peer, truck | 12.00 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 9.60 | |
| | | $373.50 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $400.00 |
| Transferred to: | | |
| Snow account | $19.08 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 13.19 | |
| Cemeteries | 5.00 | |
| Snow fence | 23.50 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 1.00 | |
| Schools | 200.00 | |
| | | $261.77 |
| Unexpended | | $138.23 |

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, Town | | $250.00 |
| Appropriation, State | | 500.00 |
| Appropriation, County | | 500.00 |
| Total available | | $1,250.00 |
| Philip Raymond, Supt. | $10.40 | |
| Philip Raymond, pickup | 3.90 | |
| John Peer, Supt. | 18.60 | |
| John Peer, pickup | 4.50 | |
| Fred Strout, labor | 8.45 | |
| Felix Mahoney, labor | 5.85 | |
| James Wilcott, labor | 7.80 | |
| Fred Hill, labor | 5.20 | |
| James Fitzpatrick, labor | 2.60 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 15.60 | |
| Raymond Wood, Jr., labor | 14.30 | |
| Charles Wood, labor | 10.40 | |
| Town of New Marlborough, sand spreader | 9.75 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 19.20 | |
| John Peer, truck | 23.42 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 21.74 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand & grits | 396.12 | |
| American Tar Co., tar | 671.69 | |
| | | 1,249.52 |
| Unexpended | | $ .48 |

## CHAPTER 81

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $780.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 6,500.00 |
| Total available | | $7,280.00 |
| H. W. Madigan, Supt. | $296.50 | |
| H. W. Madigan, pickup | 74.40 | |
| Philip Raymond, Supt. | 57.60 | |
| Philip Raymond, pickup | 21.60 | |
| John Peer, Supt. | 289.86 | |
| John Peer, pickup | 70.20 | |
| John Kelly, labor | 4.80 | |
| Louis Blotz, labor | 2.40 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 492.39 | |
| Sidney Pomeroy, labor | 325.77 | |
| Allen Pomeroy, labor | 55.20 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 85.85 | |
| Fred Hill, labor | 18.20 | |
| James Fitzpatrick, labor | 44.20 | |
| Fred Strout, labor | 44.20 | |
| Felix Mahoney, labor | 18.20 | |
| James Wilcott, labor | 41.60 | |
| Clellan Turner, labor | 7.80 | |
| Everett Fuller, labor | 7.80 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 3.90 | |
| Allen Eames, labor | 23.40 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 66.30 | |
| Alexander Radwich, labor | 77.02 | |
| Raymond Wood, Jr., labor | 235.93 | |
| Charles Wood, labor | 222.93 | |
| Raymond Wood, Sr., labor | 4.87 | |
| Donald Patterson, labor | 2.60 | |
| John Wagner, labor | 189.48 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, tractor operator | 33.00 | |
| Fred Connors, scraper operator | 9.48 | |
| Herbert Hart, grade operator | 56.25 | |
| Town of Blandford, power grader | 180.00 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town of New Marlborough, sand spreader | 3.00 | |
| Crane Service Co., ½ yd. crane | 675.75 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 402.92 | |
| John Kelly, truck | 514.05 | |
| John Peer, truck | 459.54 | |
| Oliver Wyman, truck | 283.17 | |
| George Bynack, truck | 187.20 | |
| Ellery Heath, truck | 136.80 | |
| Ernest Schulze, team and mower | 12.25 | |
| William McCulloch, team and mower | 231.00 | |
| Town Tractor, earnings | 187.50 | |
| Town Grader, earnings | 24.75 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand & grits and cold patch | 229.55 | |
| E. C. Ashworth, 6 axes, 3 handles | 16.50 | |
| C. A. Pierce, 2 axes | 4.50 | |
| Peirson Hardware Co., shovels, forks, hammers, bars, brooms | 37.94 | |
| Earl Levernoch, gravel | 355.20 | |
| American Tar Co., tar, 1665 gals. | 228.94 | |
| Joseph C. Ballou, scythe snath, cross-cut handles, files | 3.90 | |
| A. Leo Nash, 3 culverts | 92.00 | |
| | | 7,150.19 |
| Unexpended | | $129.81 |

## RECAPITULATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | $4,271.25 | |
| Old Age Administration | 85.05 | |
| Welfare account | 980.48 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 461.02 | |
| Board of Health | 4.10 | |
| Snow Fence | 373.50 | |
| Town Officers | 690.15 | |
| Miscellaneous | 272.81 | |
| Cemetery | 65.00 | |
| Ice Storm | 43.30 | |
| Rationing Board salary, 1942-1943 | 210.00 | |
| Old Bills | 44.92 | |
| 4-H Club | 5.00 | |
| School Doctor | 499.92 | |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 1,249.52 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 211.13 | |
| Tree Warden | 23.00 | |
| Bridges | 21.45 | |
| Machinery account | 252.32 | |
| Snow account | 1,814.78 | |
| Chapter 81 | 7,150.19 | |
| Officers' bonds | 28.50 | |
| Insurance on Buildings | 85.77 | |
| Civilian Defense | 4.31 | |
| Eden Glen Dam | 26.00 | |
| | | $18,973.57 |

JOHN L. PEER,
HARRY SHAW,
C. A. R. SIMMONS

Board of Selectmen

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1943 | | $12,624.34 |
| Taxes 1940 | $13.25 | |
| Taxes 1941 | 264.24 | |
| Taxes 1942 | 791.04 | |
| Taxes 1943 | 4,371.60 | |
| Poll tax, 1942 | 12.00 | |
| Poll tax, 1943 | 104.00 | |
| | | 5,556.13 |
| Motor Excise, 1942 | $29.43 | |
| Motor Excise, 1943 | 394.92 | |
| | | 424.35 |
| Interest on taxes | | 54.25 |
| Demand on taxes | | .35 |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant | | 1,893.71 |
| Old Age Administration | | 63.07 |
| Old Age, State | | 2,358.81 |
| Income Tax | | 1,255.00 |
| Massachusetts School Fund Part 2 | | 1,450.58 |
| School Superintendent | | 385.59 |
| High School Transportation | | 923.15 |
| Vocational Education | | 478.46 |
| Loss of Taxes | | 3,272.61 |
| Highways Chapter 81, 1942 | | 2,030.41 |
| Highways Chapter 81, 1943 | | 6,344.75 |
| Highways Chapter 90, State | | 499.81 |
| Highways Chapter 90, County | | 499.81 |
| Business Corporation Tax | | 359.75 |
| Sealer of weights and measures 1942-1943 | | 7.24 |
| Inspector and division of live stock | | 3.00 |
| County Dog Refund | | 87.07 |
| Meal tax | | 131.53 |
| Tractor earnings, Chapter 81 | | 187.50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Grader earnings, Chapter 81 | 24.75 |
| Town of Becket, grader | 5.60 |
| Dog Licenses | 111.60 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 192.46 |
| Selectmen Licenses | 388.50 |
| Payroll deductions, Victory and Income tax | 329.51 |
| Temporary Aid and Transportation | 50.00 |
| | $41,993.69 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,

Treasurer

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Selectmen's orders | $18,973.57 | |
| School | 7,700.00 | |
| State Tax | 200.00 | |
| State Parks | 6.63 | |
| State Audit | 140.16 | |
| County Tax | 334.93 | |
| Collector of Internal Revenue, Federal Tax | 201.81 | |
| Dog licenses | 111.60 | |
| | | $27,668.70 |
| Cash in bank | $10,955.03 | |
| Cash on hand | 3,369.96 | |
| | | 14,324.99 |
| | | $41,993.69 |

CASSEUS R. SIMMONS,

Treasurer

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## DOG LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male dogs licensed 35 @ $2.00 | $70.00 | |
| Female dogs licensed, 6 @ $5.00 | 30.00 | |
| Spayed female dogs licensed, 11 @ $2.00 | 22.00 | |
| | | $122.00 |
| Fees retained | | 10.40 |
| | | $111.60 |

## HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses, 9 @ $2.00 | $18.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses, 13 @ $2.00 | 26.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses, 4 @ $3.25 | 13.00 | |
| Resident Citizens' Women's and Minor Licenses, 9 @ $1.25 | 11.25 | |
| Resident Citizens' Minor Trapping Licenses, 2 @ $2.25 | 4.50 | |
| Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses, 2 @ $5.25 | 10.50 | |
| Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping License, free, 9 | | $83.25 |
| Fees retained | | 9.75 |
| | | $73.50 |

## BIRTHS

Jan. 1, 1943 Donna Lea Wood, daughter of Clinton Lyman Wood and Dorothy Myrtle (Gallant) Wood.

Jan. 21, 1943 Sally Lou Farnham, daughter of Charles Ruben Farnham and Flora Belle (Crane) Farnham.

Sept. 11, 1943 Cynthia Lorraine Williams, daughter of Donald Haslam Williams and Sarah Grace (Odell) Williams.

Oct. 25, 1924 Charles Williams, Jr., son of Charles Williams and Emily (Churchill) Williams.

Dec. 30, 1924 Elizabeth Marie Williams, daughter of Louis Williams and Mildred Blanch (Clark) Williams.

## DEATHS

Mar. 19, 1943 Clinton L. Wood, age 34.

Apr. 16, 1943 Charles Edward Decker, age 68.

May 9, 1943 Frank Walter Lane, age 70.

May 15, 1943 Frank P. Rock, age 63.

June 25, 1943 Charles E. Schulze, age 84.

## MARRIAGES

June 4, 1943 Alfred Edward Boiney and Theresa Frasca.

June 22, 1943 Gordon Bailey Ruesch and Phyllis Eileen Loehr.

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,

Town Clerk.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

### RECAPITULATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation: | $18,610.45 | |
| To be taken from available funds | 1,075.32 | $19,685.77 |
| State Tax: | | |
| State tax | $200.00 | |
| State Parks and Reservations | 6.93 | |
| State Audit | 140.16 | |
| | | 347.09 |
| County Tax: | | |
| County tax | 323.87 | 323.87 |
| Overlay of current year | | 192.53 |
| | | $20,549.26 |

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Income tax | $1,171.65 | |
| Corporation taxes | 239.75 | |
| Reimbursement, account State owned lands | 3,272.61 | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise | 350.00 | |
| Licenses | 200.00 | |
| Health and sanitation | 12.50 | |
| Charities | 1,100.00 | |
| Old Age Tax (meals) | 92.22 | |
| Schools | 2,500.00 | |
| Interest: on taxes and assessments | 50.00 | |
| Total estimated receipts | | $8,988.73 |
| Amounts voted to be taken from available funds: | | |
| Amount and date of approval by Commissioner, 4/2/43 | | 6,075.32 |
| Total estimated receipts and available funds | | $15,064.05 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Net Amount to be raised by taxation on polls and property | | $5,485.21 |
| Number of polls, 76 @ $2.00 each | $152.00 | |
| Total valuation: | | |
| Pers. property $25,785 rate $26 | 670.41 | |
| Real Estate $179,331 rate $26 | 4,662.80 | |
| Total taxes levied on polls and property | | $5,485.21 |

1943 tax rate fixed on June 5, 1943.

HARRY D. OLDS,
MARY BAACK,
ERNEST F. SCHULZE,

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons Assessed:

| | Individuals | All Others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Personal Estate only | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| On Real Estate only | 85 | 4 | 89 |
| On both Pers. & R. E. | 20 | | 20 |
| | | Total | 118 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of Polls assessed | | 76 |
| Value of assessed Personal Estate: | | |
| Machinery | $18,300 | |
| Live stock | 7,255 | |
| All other tangible pers. prop. | 230 | |
| | | $25,785 |
| Value of assessed Real Estate: | | |
| Land exclusive of buildings | $117,281 | |
| Buildings exclusive of land | 62,050 | |
| | | 179,331 |
| Total | | $205,116 |

Tax Rate Per $1,000 $26.00.

## TAXES

For State, County, and Town Purposes including overlay:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On Personal Estate | $670.41 | |
| On Real Estate | 4,662.80 | |
| On Polls | 152.00 | |
| Total taxes assessed | | $5,485.21 |

## NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

| | |
|---|---|
| Horses (1 yr. old or over) | 25 |
| Neat Cattle (1 yr. old or over) (Cows) | 116 |
| Bulls, yearlings, heifers | 43 |
| Swine (6 mo. or over) | 16 |
| Sheep (6 mo. or over) | 15 |
| Fowl | 1309 |
| All other | 150 |
| Number of acres assessed | 13,303 |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | 92 |

HARRY D. OLDS,
MARY BAACK,
ERNEST F. SCHULZE

June 14, 1943

## REAL ESTATE, TOWN OF WASHINGTON

| | Acres | Value | Buildings | Value | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall Rights | ½ | 25 | Town Hall | 1000 | 1,025 |
| | | | 2 school-houses | 1500 | 1,500 |
| Part of Bennett Place | 6 | 100 | Garage | 2000 | 2,100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 75 | | | 75 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| Norton Lot (Pease Lot) | 2 | 30 | | | 30 |
| Part of Parrish Lot | 8 | 50 | | | 50 |
| | | | | | 5,980 |

# 1943 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## 1938 Property Taxes as per 1942 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $76.56 |
| Abated | 76.56 |

## 1940 Property Taxes as per 1942 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $13.25 |
| Collected, paid Treasurer in 1943 | $13.25 |

Total Interest collected on 1940 taxes in 1943 $2.96

## 1941 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer in 1941 Property Taxes | $3,940.30 | Property tax warrant | $4,259.54 |
| Certified to Tax Title | 1.92 | Personal tax | 629.58 |
| Abated property taxes | 59.28 | Poll tax warrant | 162.00 |
| Paid Treasurer in 1942 Property taxes | 608.68 | Omitted poll tax | 2.00 |
| Paid Treasurer in 1941 Poll taxes | 130.00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes in 1941 | 20.00 | | |
| Paid Treasurer in 1942 Poll taxes | 14.00 | | |
| Paid Treasurer in 1943 Property taxes | 264.24 | | |
| Uncollected | 14.40 | | |
| | $5,052.82 | | $5,052.82 |

Total 1941 Interest collected in 1943 $15.51

## 1942 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer in 1942 Property taxes | $3,951.68 | Property tax warrant | $4,293.38 |
| Abated Property taxes | 57.96 | Personal tax | 620.52 |
| Collected poll taxes in 1942 | 116.00 | Poll tax warrant | 162.00 |
| Abated Poll taxes in 1942 | 24.00 | | |
| Paid Treasurer Property taxes in 1943 | 791.04 | | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer poll taxes in 1943 | 12.00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 10.00 | | |
| Uncollected Property taxes | 113.22 | | |
| | $5,075.90 | | $5,075.90 |

## 1942 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer in 1942 | $666.72 | Warrants | $705.78 |
| Abated | 9.63 | | |
| Paid Treasurer in 1943 | 29.43 | | |
| | $705.78 | | $705.78 |

Total 1942 Interest collected in 1943 $33.34. Costs $ .35

## 1943 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer Property taxes | $4,371.60 | Property tax warrant | $4,662.80 |
| Paid Treasurer Poll taxes | 104.00 | Personal tax | 670.41 |
| | | Poll tax | 152.00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 34.00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 14.00 | | |
| Uncollected property taxes | 961.61 | | |
| | $5,485.21 | | $5,485.21 |

## 1943 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer | $394.92 | Warrants | $453.16 |
| Abated | 13.08 | | |
| Uncollected | 45.16 | | |
| | $453.16 | | $453.16 |

1943 Interest collected $2.44

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,

Collector of Taxes.

## FINANCIAL REPORT
## OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $7,500.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | 200.00 |
| Total available | | $7,700.00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,190.39 | |
| Nellie Jo Hunt, teacher | 984.32 | |
| Massachusetts Retirement | 122.50 | |
| J. J. Rolfe, Superintendent | 390.57 | |
| Herbert Hoyt, Superintendent | 217.53 | |
| Superintendents' transportation | 76.59 | |
| Superintendents' expenses | 16.98 | |
| Gladys Leasot, Art Supervisor | 100.00 | |
| Rose Conley, nurse | 35.00 | |
| Joseph Loehr, High School transportation | 172.90 | |
| John Peer, local transportation | 729.50 | |
| C. A. Wallin, High School transportation | 1,188.00 | |
| City of Pittsfield, High School tuition | 934.51 | |
| City of Pittsfield, elementary tuition | 168.98 | |
| Town of Dalton, High School tuition | 499.52 | |
| Text books | 60.40 | |
| Stationery and supplies | 50.83 | |
| Janitor | 142.55 | |
| Fuel | 92.64 | |
| Lights | 16.26 | |
| Repairs | 255.99 | |
| Library | 16.50 | |
| Miscellaneous | 67.54 | |
| School Committee | 16.00 | |
| Tax withholdings | 154.00 | |
| | | $7,700.00 |

MAY SANDERSON,
FLORENCE SIMMONS,
BERTHA POMEROY, Chairman

School Committee.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of
The Town of Washington:

I herewith submit my first annual report as your Superintendent of Schools. The work of the past year has continued normally and harmoniously. I wish to call your attention to the accompanying statistics, the reports of my colleagues, and several other matters which deserve your attention.

## Elementary School Enrollment

On October 1, 1943 there were 30 pupils enrolled in the Valley School, distributed as follows:

| Teacher | Grade | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII |
| Hunt, Nellie Jo | 2 | 6 | 6 | 2 | | | | |
| May, Mrs. Maude | | | | | 2 | 5 | 6 | 1 |

Elizabeth Frey and William Loehr attended the Dawes Elementary School in Pittsfield. The total of 32 elementary school pupils is 4 less than last year.

## High School Enrollment

**Dalton High School**

Freshman Class—Norman Radwich
Sophomore Class—Charlotte Radwich
Junior Class—None
Senior Class—Laura Sanderson

**Pittsfield Junior High School**

Judeth Fleming
Dorothy Frey
Leona Gillette
Theodore Peer
Roy Simmons

**Pittsfield High School**

Sophomore Class—Joseph Loehr
Junior Class—Patricia Kelly, Mary Rock
Senior Class—Jacqueline Couture, Barbara Peer

**Pittsfield Vocational School**

Richard Burnham, Allen Pomeroy

Total—15

## High School Tuition Rates

The tuition rate at Dalton has increased from $125 in 1942 to $132 in 1943 while the rate in Pittsfield has increased from $118 to $135.50. The Vocational School rate remains the same at $100 per year.

## Reimbursements From Commonwealth of Mass.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| General School Fund, Part I | $615.00 | |
| General School Fund, Part II | 1,450.58 | |
| Account of Union Superintendent | 385.59 | |
| High School Tuition | 1,102.52 | |
| High School transportation | 923.15 | |
| Vocational tuition | 230.00 | |
| Vocational transportation | 248.46 | |
| Total reimbursements 1943 | $4,955.30 | |
| Total expenditures | | $7,700.00 |
| Total reimbursements 1943 | | 4,955.30 |
| Net Cost to Taxpayers | | $2,744.70 |

## Budget for 1944

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Teachers' salaries | $2,550.00 |
| 2. Textbooks | 60.00 |
| 3. Stationery and supplies | 75.00 |
| 4. Janitor | 150.00 |
| 5. Fuel | 175.00 |
| 6. Lights | 15.00 |
| 7. Library | 20.00 |
| 8. Health | 50.00 |
| 9. Local transportation | 720.00 |
| 10. High School transportation | 1,200.00 |
| 11. Elementary tuition | 175.00 |
| 12. High School tuition | 1,575.00 |
| 13. Superintendent's salary and expenses | 745.00 |
| 14. New equipment and repairs | 60.00 |
| 15. Miscellaneous | 30.00 |
| Total 1944 budget | $7,600.00 |

## Teachers

We were very fortunate during the past year in having no changes in our teaching staff. The teacher shortage is becoming more and more critical as fewer girls are going into teaching and others in the profession are attracted to more lucrative positions in war work. It has become necessary to employ teachers with inadequate training in many schools.

## Rationing

I wish to thank the teachers for their cooperation during the recent rationing. The school officials are glad to help in this war effort and appreciate the spirit in which the people accept this necessary hardship.

## Repairs

Last year it was found necessary to put a new roof on the Valley School. This made it necessary for us to spend much more under the item of "repairs" in our budget than we had expected.

## Attendance

Attendance for the school year 1942-1943 was 92.72%. Attendance for this fall has been better until December when it dropped rapidly. I know that in most cases absences have been due to sickness, but I hope that attendance will be better for the remainder of th school year. It is very essential to the pupil's progress that he be in school every day.

## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

Mr. Herbert Hoyt
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hoyt:

During the last year the children in the lower grades spent a considerable time on the study of China. Large posters showing the architecture, geography, occupations, transportation, and costumes of the people were beautifully cut and decorated. Many freehand lessons were given on the subject.

In the fall Mexico, Central and South America, and the West Indies were studied. Flags of the various countries were made. Metal paper holders were designed and worked out in punch work. Bags with appropriate designs from Guatemala were made. Designs were also worked on cloth similar to those that are found at Guatemala. Lessons in freehand drawing were given showing the various homes, transportation, people, etc. Miss Hunt took charge of all the Arts and Crafts work. Nearly all the freehand work was by your supervisor.

Three children in the lower grades sent work to the Natural History Museum in New York to be exhibited in their "Travel Unit".

In the upper grades the children spent most of the time on freehand work. Some of the drawings were seasonal, others were correlated with the school subjects, and somewhat influenced by the war. By the time the child reaches the eighth grade he can draw most anything and also has found an appreciation for fine lines and good coloring.

The children at the Washington School are a well-mannered and cooperative group. It is a pleasure to work with them. Again I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS F. LEASOT.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. Herbert Hoyt
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hoyt:

The regular examination of school children took place at the Washington Valley School on October 1, 1943. Thirty children were examined. Their nutrition, physical and mental condition was generally good. Diseased tonsils and decayed teeth were found among a number of children and their parents were notified. Several youngsters had colds and coughed a good deal. It would be a good preventive measure to keep children with "colds" out of school since a number of the common communicable diseases start with cold symptoms and are most contagious at this stage. The class rooms were well ventilated and clean.

K. L. HIRSCHMANN, M.D.,
School Physician

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Herbert Hoyt
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Hoyt:

The following report is submitted for the Washington Valley School in regards to the health program. Visits were made once a month to the school. On October 1, 1943 the annual physical examinations were given by Dr. Hirschmann of Becket. The findings were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Defective teeth | 3 |
| Enlarged tonsils | 4 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Tonsillectomies recommended | 4 |
| Cardiac cases | 2 |
| Rheumatic fever | 1 |
| Whooping cough | 4 |
| Eye cases | 2 |

Colds and whooping cough have been responsible for absentees in the school population.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE K. CONLEY, R.N.

School Nurse.

## Conclusion

To all my associates, School Committee, teaching staff, supervisors, and health officers I extend cordial appreciation for help in maintaining a high standard for our local school. I feel that we are fortunate in our efficient staff of teachers, our interested School Committee, and the generous support which the schools receive from the citizens of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. HOYT,

Superintendent of Schools.

# REPORT OF AN AUDIT

December 13, 1943

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. John L. Peer, Chairman
Washington, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Washington for the period from November 15, 1942, to December 2, 1943, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,
THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Washington for the period from November 15, 1942, the date of the previous examination, to December 2, 1943, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions as recorded on the books of the several departments collecting or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked and verified.

The surety bonds filed with the town by the town clerk, treasurer, and tax collector were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts for licenses granted by the Selectmen were checked with the record of licenses issued, and the payments to the Treasurer were verified. The surety bonds filed with the town by individuals to whom liquor licenses were issued were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the Town Treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were compared with the treasury warrants approved by the Board of Selectmen, and the cash balance December 2, 1943, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank.

The payments on account of debt and interest were proved by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The books and accounts of the Tax Collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitment lists of all taxes were added and proved with the Assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the Treasurer, the recorded abatements were checked with the Assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding tax accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The Tax Collector's cash on hand December 2, 1943, was proved by actual count.

Attention is called to the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, which requires the Collector to turn over all tax collections to the Treasurer once in each week or oftener.

The record of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked with the Tax Collector's and the Treasurer's accounts. It was noted that no taxes were assessed in 1942 and 1943 on real estate on which the town holds tax titles, in which connection attention is called to the statutory requirement that real estate taken by the town for non-payment of taxes shall be assessed to the record owner until the tax title is foreclosed by the Treasurer.

The financial transactions of the Town Clerk were examined. The recorded receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued, the payments to the State and Town Treasurers were verified, and the cash on hand December 2, 1943, was proved by actual count.

The appropriations voted by the town were listed from the Town Clerk's records of town meetings. In connection with appropriations for unpaid bills of prior years, attention is called to the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined. The recorded receipts were checked with the record of work done, and the cash on hand December 2, 1943, was proved by actual count.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare department were examined. The charges were listed and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 2, 1943.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the Treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance November 15, 1942, per previous audit, | | $16,709.06 | |
| Receipts November 15 to December 31, 1942, | | 9,426.26 | |
| | | | $26,135.32 |
| Payments November 15 to December 31, 1942, | | $13,510.98 | |
| Balance December 31, 1942, | | 12,624.34 | |
| | | | $26,135.32 |
| Balance January 1, 1943, | | $12,624.34 | |
| Receipts January 1 to December 2, 1943: | | | |
| Per cash book, | $25,797.58 | | |
| Not on cash book: | | | |
| Pay-roll deductions for Federal Pay-roll Tax, | 300.31 | | |
| | | 26,097.89 | |
| | | | $38,722.23 |
| Payments January 1 to December 2, 1943, | | $25,018.35 | |
| Balance December 2, 1943: | | | |
| Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company, | $13,605.38 | | |
| Cash in office, verified, | 98.50 | | |
| | | 13,703.88 | |
| | | | $38,722.23 |

Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance December 2, 1943, per statement, | | $14,711.54 |
| Balance December 2, 1943, per check book, | $13,605.38 | |
| Outstanding checks December 2, 1943, per list, | 1,106.16 | |
| | | $14,711.54 |

## RECONCILIATION OF TAX COLLECTOR'S CASH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash balances December 2, 1943, per tables: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1942, | $56.80 | | |
| Levy of 1943, | 13.70 | | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1943, | 11.44 | | |
| Interest and costs, | 3.25 | | |
| | | $85.19 | |
| Excess cash December 2, 1943, | | 4.41 | |
| | | | $89.60 |
| Cash on hand December 2, 1943, verified, | | | $89.60 |

TAXES—1938

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 15, 1942, per previous audit, | | $76.56 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1942, | | $76.56 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1943, | | $76.56 |
| Abatements January 1 to December 2, 1943, | | $76.56 |

TAXES—1940

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 15, 1942, per previous audit, | | $95.90 |
| Payments to treasurer November 15 to December 31, 1942, | $82.65 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1942, | 13.25 | |
| | | $95.90 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1943, | | $13.25 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | | $13.25 |

TAXES—1941

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 15, 1942, per previous audit, | | $609.10 |
| Payments to treasurer November 15 to December 31, 1942, | $330.46 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1942, | 278.64 | |
| | | $609.10 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1943, | | $278.64 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | $264.24 | |
| Outstanding December 2, 1943, per list, | 14.40 | |
| | | $278.64 |

TAXES—1942

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 15, 1942, per previous audit, | | $1,093.82 |
| Payments to treasurer November 15 to December 31, 1942, | $163.56 | |
| Abatements November 15 to December 31, 1942, | 4.00 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1942, | 926.26 | |
| | | $1,093.82 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1943, | | $926.26 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | $334.82 | |
| Outstanding December 2, 1943, per list, | 534.64 | |
| Cash balance December 2, 1943, | 56.80 | |
| | | $926.26 |

## TAXES—1943

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitment January 1 to December 2, 1943, per warrants, | | $5,485.21 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | $4,396.83 | |
| Abatements January 1 to December 2, 1943, | 34.00 | |
| Outstanding December 2, 1943, per list | 1,040.68 | |
| Cash balance December 2, 1943, | 13.70 | |
| | | $5,485.21 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1942

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 15, 1942, per previous audit, | | $38.35 |
| Payments to treasurer November 15 to December 31, 1942, | $14.92 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1942, | 23.43 | |
| | | $38.35 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1943, | $23.43 | |
| Additional commitment January 1 to December 2, 1943, | 8.55 | |
| | | $31.98 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | $12.68 | |
| Abatements January 1 to December 2, 1943, | 2.55 | |
| Outstanding December 2, 1943, per list, | 16.75 | |
| | | $31.98 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1943

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitment January 1 to December 2, 1943, | | $431.08 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | $336.27 | |
| Outstanding December 2, 1943, per list, | 83.37 | |
| Cash balance December 2, 1943, | 11.44 | |
| | | $431.08 |

## INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand November 15, 1942, per previous audit: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Taxes 1942, | | $.05 | |
| Collections November 15 to December 31, 1942: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1940, | $7.68 | | |
| Levy of 1941, | 15.67 | | |
| Levy of 1942, | 1.08 | | |
| | | 24.43 | |
| Costs—poll taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1942, | | .35 | |
| | | | $24.83 |
| Payments to treasurer November 15 to December 31, 1942: | | | |
| Interest, | | $24.48 | |
| Costs, | | .35 | |
| | | | $24.83 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Collections January 1 to December 2, 1943: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1940, | $2.96 | | |
| Levy of 1941, | 15.51 | | |
| Levy of 1942, | 13.03 | | |
| Levy of 1943, | 1.21 | | |
| | | $32.71 | |
| Costs—property: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1940, | $.70 | | |
| Levy of 1941, | 2.80 | | |
| Levy of 1942, | 1.40 | | |
| Levy of 1943, | .35 | | |
| | | 5.25 | |
| | | | $37.96 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943: | | | |
| Interest, | | $30.51 | |
| Costs retained January 1 to December 2, 1943, | | 4.20 | |
| Cash balance December 2, 1943: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1942, | $2.15 | | |
| Levy of 1943, | .05 | | |
| | $2.20 | | |
| Costs—property: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1942, | 1.05 | | |
| | | 3.25 | |
| | | | $37.96 |

## SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Licenses granted January 1 to December 2, 1943: | | |
| Liquor, | $350.00 | |
| Sunday sales, | 2.00 | |
| Junk, | 30.00 | |
| Used car, | 6.00 | |
| Cabin, | .50 | |
| | | $388.50 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | | $388.50 |

## TAX TITLES

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance November 15, 1942, per previous audit, | $27.60 |
| Balance December 31, 1942, and December 2, 1943, | $27.60 |

## TOWN CLERK

### Dog Licenses

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to December 2, 1943: | | | |
| Males, | 35 @ $2.00, | $70.00 | |
| Females, | 6 @ 5.00, | 30.00 | |
| Spayed females, | 11 @ 2.00, | 22.00 | |
| | | | $122.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | | $111.60 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to December 2, 1943: 52 @ 20c, | | 10.40 | |
| | | | $122.00 |

## TOWN CLERK

### Sporting Licenses

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued November 15 to December 31, 1942: Resident citizens' hunting, | | 2 @ $2.00 | $4.00 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game November 15 to December 31, 1942, | | $3.50 | |
| Fees retained November 15 to December 31, 1942, 2 @ 25c, | | .50 | |
| | | | $4.00 |
| Licenses issued January 1 to December 2, 1943: | | | |
| Resident citizens' fishing, | 9 @ $2.00, | $18.00 | |
| Resident citizens' hunting, | 5 @ 2.00, | 10.00 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting, | 4 @ 3.25, | 13.00 | |
| Resident citizen minors' and females, fishing, | 8 @ 1.25, | 10.00 | |
| Resident citizen minors' trapping, | 2 @ 2.25, | 4.50 | |
| Resident citizens' trapping, | 2 @ 5.25, | 10.50 | |
| | | | $66.00 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game January 1 to December 2, 1943, | | $53.00 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to December 2, 1943, 30 @ 25c, | | 7.50 | |
| Cash on hand December 2, 1943, verified, | | 5.50 | |
| | | | $66.00 |

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash balance November 15, 1942, per previous audit, | | $2.62 |
| Cash balance December 31, 1942, | | $2.62 |
| Cash balance January 1, 1943, | $2.62 | |
| Fees January 1 to December 2, 1943, | 4.62 | |
| | | $7.24 |
| Cash on hand December 2, 1943, verified, | | $7.24 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE—ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding November 15, 1942, per previous audit, | | $1,329.02 |
| Payments to treasurer November 15 to December 31, 1942, | $1,281.02 | |
| Abatements November 15 to December 31, 1942, | 48.00 | |
| | | $1,329.02 |
| Charges January 1 to December 2, 1943, | | $70.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | $50.00 | |
| Abatements January 1 to December 2, 1943, | 20.00 | |
| | | $70.00 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

### Accounts Receivable

| | |
|---|---|
| Charges November 15 to December 31, 1942, | $503.81 |
| Payments to treasurer November 15 to December 31, 1942, | $503.81 |
| Charges January 1 to December 2, 1943, | $1,172.71 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 2, 1943, | $1,172.71 |

# TOWN OF WASHINGTON

**Balance Sheet—December 2, 1943**

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | $13,703.88 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1941, | $14.40 | |
| Levy of 1942, | 591.44 | |
| Levy of 1943, | 1,054.38 | |
| | | 1,660.22 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1942, | $16.75 | |
| Levy of 1943, | 94.81 | |
| | | 111.56 |
| Tax Titles, | | 27.60 |
| Aid to Highways: | | |
| State—Chapter 81, | | 155.25 |
| County Tax 1943 Underestimate, | | 11.06 |
| | | $15,669.57 |

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pay-roll Deductions for Federal Withholding tax, | | $98.50 |
| State Parks and Reservations Tax-Overestimate, | | .30 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | 138.41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | 877.86 |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | |
| Assistance, | $103.44 | |
| Administration, | 96.63 | |
| | | 200.07 |
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances: | | |
| General, | $4,550.06 | |
| Civilian Defense, | 45.69 | |
| Ration Board: | | |
| Expense, | 125.00 | |
| Salaries, | 75.50 | |
| | | 4,796.25 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 876.09 |
| Overlay Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1941, | $14.40 | |
| Levy of 1942, | 108.58 | |
| Levy of 1943, | 158.53 | |
| | | 281.51 |
| Revenue Available When Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, | $111.56 | |
| Tax Title, | 27.60 | |
| State and County Aid to Highway, | 155.25 | |
| | | 294.41 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | |
| Prior Years, | $7,923.30 | |
| Current Year, | 182.87 | |
| | | 8,106.17 |
| | | $15,669.57 |

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# Honor Roll

## ARMY

Elmer Radwick
Ralph Simmons
Andrew Methe
Robert Sanderson
Charles Lane
Norman Sanderson
Harry Madigan, Jr.
Leonard Levernoch
Clarence Wood
James Rock
Dewey Walden
Allen Pomeroy

## NAVY

Francis Lane
Robert Keiper
Harry Shaw
Walter Shaw
Carl W. Peer
Lawrence Symonds
Arnold Radwick
Robert Elliot

## HONORABLY DISCHARGED

William Burnham
Francis Rock

## CADET NURSES

Barbara Peer
Laura Sanderson

# TOWN MEETING WARRANT

## February 12, 1945

Polls will open at 10 A.M. and close at 2 P.M. The business meeting will open at 1 P.M.

**Article 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers: one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor, and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3.** To hear the reports of the various Town Officers, and to act thereon.

**Art. 4.** To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense and suits against the Town for the ensuing year, and bring suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 5.** To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning January 1st, 1945 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $915.43 to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations) Maintenance of Highways, (Chapter 81) $780.00. Snow Removal $1500.00. Repairs and Maintenance of Bridges, $550.00. Town Officers, $735.00. Chapter 90 Maintenance $400.00. Miscellaneous, $575.00. Tree Warden $50.00. Officers Bonds, $37.50. Discount on Notes $30.00. Forest Warden $100.00. Old Age Assistance $2,500.00. Old Age Administration $59.46. Public Welfare, $700.00. Cemeteries, $60.00. Snow Fence, $350.00. Becket Fire Department, $100.00. Fire Insurance on Buildings, $90.00. Workmen's Compensation, $137.38. Soldier's Relief, $300.00. Eden Glen Pond, $25.00. Board of Health, $50.00. Reserve Account, $274.00. Salary of Rationing Board $105.00. Aid to Dependent Children, $500.00.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for Civilian Defense.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for office rent and expenses of Rationing Board or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a certain sum for taking State Census.

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $15.00 for Tax Titles.

**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to set the wages of Town Employees.

**Art. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to the amount of $5,000.00 from available funds towards the reduction of 1945 Tax rate.

**Art. 15.** To choose all other Town officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark, Sextons and Constables.

**Art. 16.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $140.00 for Sand Spreader.

**Art. 17.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

# TOWN OFFICERS IN 1944

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

C. A. R. Simmons

## SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| John L. Peer, Chairman | Term expires 1944 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1945 |
| Harry Shaw | Term expires 1946 |

## ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Mary Baack | Term expires 1944 |
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1945 |
| Harry Olds, Chairman | Term expires 1946 |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Florence Simmons, Chairman | Term expires 1944 |
| Mae Sanderson | Term expires 1945 |
| Bertha Pomeroy | Term expires 1946 |

## TREE WARDEN

Ernest Schulze

## AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR

Marguerite Schulze

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

## SEXTON

George N. Burnham
(Valley, Centre, East and West Cemeteries)

## APPOINTEES

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FOREST WARDEN
John Campbell, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING
George Ende  Joseph N. Blotz

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS
John L. Peer

FIELD DRIVERS
John L. Peer  John Wagner  William Little

POUND KEEPER
William Little

CONSTABLES
David Watson  C. A. R. Simmons
Henry Rock  Louis Sheean
Amos Gallant

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK
Charles Johnson

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1944 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting, February 7th and Special Meeting, February 18, 1944. Raised and Appropriated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Schools | $7,600.00 | |
| Subsidy for School Doctor from Jan. 1/44 to Feb. 7/44 | 52.08 | |
| School Doctor | 75.00 | |
| Chapter 81 | 650.00 | |
| Snow Removal | 2,000.00 | |
| Bridges | 250.00 | |
| Town Officers | 735.00 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 200.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 575.00 | |
| Tree Warden | 50.00 | |
| Officers' Bonds | 37.50 | |
| Discount on notes | 30.00 | |
| Forest Warden | 100.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,000.00 | |
| Public Welfare | 1,700.00 | |
| Cemeteries | 60.00 | |
| Snow Fence | 350.00 | |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 | |
| Fire Insurance on Buildings | 90.00 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 183.02 | |
| Soldier's Relief | 300.00 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 25.00 | |
| Board of Health | 50.00 | |
| Reserve Account | 274.00 | |
| Salary for Rationing Board | 105.00 | |
| 4-H Club | 5.00 | |
| Civilian Defense | 25.00 | |
| Office rent and expense of Rationing Board | 125.00 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 350.00 | |
| | | $18,096.60 |
| Appropriated from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account | | 1,035.25 |
| | | $19,131.85 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,000.00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 1,612.65 |
| Unexpended 1943 balance | | 1,127.90 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 125.74 |
| Total Available | | $4,866.29 |
| Payroll: | | |
| Jan. 1 to 15 | $132.00 | |
| Jan. 15 to 31 | 112.00 | |
| Feb. 1 to 15 | 181.70 | |
| Feb. 15 to 28 | 140.90 | |
| Mar. 1 to 15 | 132.00 | |
| Mar. 15 to 31 | 132.00 | |
| Apr. 1 to 15 | 132.00 | |
| Apr. 15 to 30 | 138.80 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 132.00 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 132.00 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 132.00 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 141.30 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 137.00 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 137.00 | |
| Aug. 1 to 15 | 125.00 | |
| Aug. 15 to 31 | 131.75 | |
| Aug. 15 to 31 Supplementary Payroll | 20.00 | |
| Sept. 1 to 15 | 145.00 | |
| Town of Dalton—Care and Burial Town Case | 354.16 | |
| Sept. 15 to 30 | 145.00 | |
| Oct. 1 to 15 | 145.00 | |
| Oct. 15 to 31 | 145.00 | |
| Nov. 1 to 15 | 145.00 | |
| Nov. 15 to 30 | 147.00 | |
| Dec. 1 to 15 | 135.00 | |
| Dec. 15 to 31 | 155.00 | |
| Town of Becket, Care and Burial Town Case | 135.14 | |
| | | $3,840.75 |
| Unexpended | | $1,025.54 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended 1943 balance | | $54.77 |
| U. S. Grant 1944 | | 53.71 |
| Total Available | | $108.48 |
| Harry C. Shaw, Postage, Telephone, Mileage | | 49.02 |
| Unexpended | | $59.46 |

## RATION BOARD EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $125.00 |
| Anna M. Peer, 6 tel. calls to Springfield plus tax | $3.05 | |
| C. A. Pierce, 1 stove, $38.50, 200 lbs. coal | 40.20 | |
| L. P. Adams, 2290 lbs. coal | 16.19 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck hauling coal | 4.00 | |
| George N. Burnham, stove pipe and elbow | 1.75 | |
| | | 65.19 |
| Unexpended | | $59.81 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $350.00 |
| U. S. Grant | 407.67 |
| Total available | $757.67 |
| Case No. 1 | 461.72 |
| Unexpended | $285.95 |

## WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,700.00 |
| Boston Council Social Agency, Social Service Index | $3.00 | |
| Case No. 65, weekly aid | 300.00 | |
| State Case No. 54, medical supplies | 20.00 | |
| | | 323.00 |
| Unexpended | | $1,377.00 |

## SOLDIERS RELIEF

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $300.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 3.35 |
| Total available | | $303.35 |
| State Aid and Relief Case | | $303.35 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $37.50 |
| Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co. Collector's Bond | $12.75 | |
| C. D. Hebb Agency, Clerk & Treasurer's Bond | 12.50 | |
| | | 25.25 |
| Unexpended | | $12.25 |

## BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $100.00 |
| Becket Fire Department | $100.00 |

## TREE WARDEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## EDEN GLEN DAM

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $25.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 37.50 |
| Total available | | $62.50 |
| J. C. Ballou, 15 lbs. nails | $1.05 | |
| John Kelly, 98 ft. plank | 4.90 | |
| John Campbell, Sr., labor | 46.15 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., labor | 1.95 | |
| Charles Wellspeak, labor | 8.45 | |
| | | $62.50 |

## RATION BOARD SALARY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $105.00 |
| George Burnham | $35.00 | |
| C. A. R. .Simmons | 35.00 | |
| Henry Rock | 35.00 | |
| | | $105.00 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $735.00 |
| Matthew Comerford, ballot clerk | $3.00 | |
| Marie Peer, ballot clerk | 5.00 | |
| David Watson, ballot clerk, posting warrants, building fire | 23.50 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, salary, Tax Collector | 100.00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Animal Inspector and Inspector of Slaughtering | 18.00 | |
| Harry Shaw, Selectman's salary, 6 registrations | 62.00 | |
| Martha Gardner, ballot clerk | 5.00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Selectman's & Clerk & Treasurer's salary, 7 registrations | 214.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Assessor's salary | 30.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, collecting dog taxes | 11.40 | |
| Harry Olds, chairman of Assessors salary and ballot clerk | 54.00 | |
| Daniel Fleming, ballot clerk | 4.00 | |
| Florence Simmons, chairman of School Committee, salary | 25.00 | |
| May Sanderson, School Committee salary | 5.00 | |
| Bertha Pomeroy, School Committee salary | 5.00 | |
| John Peer, chairman of Selectmen | 125.00 | |
| Mary Baack, Assessor's salary | 30.00 | |
| | | 722.90 |
| Unexpended | | $12.10 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $274.00 |
| Transferred to: | | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | $ .16 | |
| Eden Glen Dam | 37.50 | |
| Soldier's Relief | 3.35 | |
| Snow Removal | 45.80 | |
| Chapter 81 | .02 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 125.74 | |
| | | 212.57 |
| Unexpended | | $61.43 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $575.00 |
| Richard H. Rankin, 10 real estate transfers | $5.00 | |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., Assessors', Selectmen and Clerk supplies | 9.42 | |
| Association of Mass. Assessors, State and County dues | 12.00 | |
| Studley Press, reports, ballots, Selectmen stationery | 161.15 | |
| Western Mass. Electric Co., service in garage | 8.25 | |
| William E. Shandoff, 1 payroll book | 1.25 | |
| Third Nat'l Bank & Trust Co., check books | 3.81 | |
| Harry Freshler, wrecker, removing truck from broken bridge | 40.00 | |
| The Barre Gazette, Collector's supplies | 10.91 | |
| Boston & Albany R. R., water pipe right and rent of land | 6.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, recording births & deaths, postage, telephone, mileage | 25.65 | |
| Theodore Waddell, certification of note | 2.00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, postage, telephone, travel, tax title expenses | 36.67 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, postage, telephone, mileage | 26.73 | |
| Berkshire County Selectmen's Ass'n, 1944 dues | 9.00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, repairs on truck from bridge damage | 7.15 | |
| John Meiers, damage to muffler and exhaust pipe | 11.85 | |
| Robinson Seal Co., Treasurer's supplies | 1.47 | |
| Ernest Schulze, 35 miles @ 6¢ | 2.10 | |
| Harry Olds, 37 miles @ 6¢ | 2.22 | |
| Mary Baack, 56 miles @ 6¢ | 3.36 | |
| John Peer, postage, telephone & mileage | 16.20 | |
| | | 392.19 |
| Unexpended | | $192.81 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $183.02 |
| M. D. E. Tower, compensation policy | | $183.02 |

## CEMETERIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $60.00 |
| George Burnham, labor | | 45.00 |
| Unexpended | | $15.00 |

## SCHOOL DOCTOR—SUBSIDY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $52.08 |
| Dr. Hirschmann, subsidy Jan. 1st to Feb. 8th, 1944 | | $52.08 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,035.25 |
| Hone earnings, Ch. 81 | | 2.00 |
| Tractor earnings, Ch. 81 | | 77.00 |
| Grader earnings, Ch. 81 | | 14.10 |
| Tractor earnings in Becket | | 168.80 |
| Tractor earnings in Otis | | 14.40 |
| Total available | | $1,311.55 |
| Joseph Gillett, Alemite grease gun | $3.00 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, labor on tractor and driving | 73.50 | |
| John Peer, repairing hone | 1.07 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor on hone | .65 | |
| J. C. Ballou, fan belt | 1.05 | |
| Levernoch Bros., 12 gal. gear oil | 10.08 | |
| L. A. Harris, welding hook | .50 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., 235 gal. gas | 44.67 | |
| H. F. Davis Tractor Co., set tracks, truck roll and labor | 261.60 | |
| | | $396.12 |
| Unexpended | | $915.43 |

## 4-H CLUB

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $5.00 |
| Unexpended | $5.00 |

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $250.00 |
| John Peer, Supt. | $6.56 | |
| John Peer, pickup truck | 1.50 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 10.77 | |
| Jos. N. Blotz, labor | 5.57 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 4.27 | |
| Charles Wood, labor | 4.55 | |
| John Campbell, Sr., labor | 1.20 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, tractor driver | 1.88 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 26.40 | |
| Commonwealth of Mass., 2000 ft. plank | 160.00 | |
| J. C. Ballou, 10 lbs. spikes | .70 | |
| Charles R. Johnson, 1 bridge stringer | 3.00 | |
| | | $226.40 |
| Unexpended | | $23.60 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $90.00 |
| E. H. Pierce Co., insurance on School, Town Hall, Weights & Measures, garage and machinery | 85.77 |
| Unexpended | $4.23 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $30.00 |
| Pittsfield Third National Bank | 16.25 |
| Unexpended | $13.75 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## SCHOOL DOCTOR

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $75.00 |
| Unexpended | $75.00 |

## SNOW FENCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $350.00 |
| John Peer, Supt. | $11.23 | |
| John Peer, pickup | 2.70 | |
| John Peer, truck | 60.12 | |
| Alex. Radwick, labor | 7.80 | |
| Elmer Radwick, labor | 5.20 | |
| Jos. N. Blotz, labor | 14.95 | |
| Louis Blotz, labor | 7.80 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 94.40 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 30.55 | |
| Charles Wood, labor | 46.80 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 26.00 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., 2 rolls wire | 3.50 | |
| | | 311.05 |
| Unexpended | | $38.95 |

## SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,000.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 45.80 |
| Total available | | $2,045.80 |
| Claude Goodell, truck plowing snow | $232.50 | |
| John Peer, truck plowing snow and labor | 180.35 | |
| Fred Connor, truck plowing snow | 76.50 | |
| Leon Harris, truck plowing snow | 52.00 | |
| John Kelly, truck sanding | 70.30 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck sanding | 67.10 | |
| Raymond Wood, tractor driver and labor sanding | 53.64 | |
| Charles Wood, labor sanding | 25.35 | |
| L. A. Harris, charging batteries | 4.25 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, driving tractor, and repairing | 33.00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor sanding | 29.89 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor on tractor | 1.95 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand | 42.06 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., 50 gals. gas | 9.50 | |
| Equipment Rental & Sales Co., repairing Monarch | 939.85 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Commonwealth of Mass., plowing snow 1942-43 | 131.84 | |
| Snyders Express, trans. of Monarch tractor to Albany and return | 40.00 | |
| Mays Auto Parts, high pressure hose | 5.00 | |
| John Kelly, 13 gals. gas | 2.67 | |
| Arthur Gillette, 20 gals. gas | 4.10 | |
| L. P. Adams, salt and chloride | 17.40 | |
| Tarbell Watters Co., 5 gals. anti-freeze | 4.70 | |
| Philip Raymond, Supt. | 16.00 | |
| Arthur E. Smith, set wires and battery cable | 5.85 | |
| | | $2,045.80 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $100.00 |

### Gates Fire

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| John Peer, labor and pickup truck | $2.62 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 1.62 | |
| Jos. N. Blotz, labor | 1.62 | |
| John Kelly, labor | 1.62 | |
| Raymond Wood | 1.62 | |
| Irving Radwick | 1.62 | |
| Irving Fassell | 1.62 | |
| Erwin Levernoch | 1.62 | |
| Alex. Radwick | 1.62 | |
| Charles Wood | 1.62 | |
| George Crochiere, men from Becket | 18.40 | |
| Dalton Fire District | 9.00 | |
| | | 44.60 |
| Unexpended | | $55.40 |

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, Town | | $200.00 |
| Appropriation, State | | 400.00 |
| Appropriation, County | | 400.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | .16 |
| Total available | | $1,000.16 |
| Clellan Turner, Supt. | $12.80 | |
| Clellan Turner, pickup | 4.80 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor | 14.62 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Theodore Peer, labor | 14.62 | |
| Timothy Cronin, labor | 11.70 | |
| John Peer, spreader operator | 19.35 | |
| John Peer, ½ ton pickup | 3.90 | |
| Town of New Marlboro, sand spreader | 16.87 | |
| Victor Spadaccini, truck | 8.40 | |
| Joseph Abderhalden, truck | 20.43 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 6.40 | |
| George Bynack, truck | 37.72 | |
| John Peer, truck | 18.16 | |
| William Bowman, truck | 4.97 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., truck | 6.11 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 223 ton grits | 223.00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 18 ton 1250 lbs. sand | 9.32 | |
| Moulton Asphalt Co., 5088½ gals. asphalt | 566.99 | |
| | | $1,000.16 |

## CHAPTER 81

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $650.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 6,500.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | .02 |
| Total Available | | $7,150.02 |
| John Peer, Supt. | $562.60 | |
| John Peer, pickup | 143.55 | |
| Raymond Wood, Sr., labor | 17.22 | |
| Charles Wood, labor | 101.07 | |
| Louis Blotz, labor | 2.60 | |
| Alex. Radwick, labor | 46.47 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 434.84 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 275.26 | |
| Raymond Wood, Jr., labor | 118.28 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 157.30 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 73.12 | |
| Clellan Turner, Supt. | 25.60 | |
| Clellan Turner, pickup | 9.60 | |
| Joseph Fassell, Supt. | 6.00 | |
| Joseph Fassell, car | 2.00 | |
| Fred Hill, labor | 11.05 | |
| William Burns, labor | 26.00 | |
| James Fitzpatrick, labor | 26.00 | |
| Edward Murray, labor | 15.60 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| John Bockholz, labor | 3.90 |
| Dennis McGill, labor | 6.50 |
| James O'Leary, labor | 5.20 |
| Clarence Farnham, labor | 5.20 |
| George Costello, labor | 1.30 |
| George Burnham, labor | 2.60 |
| Erwin Levernoch, tractor driver | 39.75 |
| Irving Fassell, grader operator | 30.85 |
| John Peer, roller operator | 19.78 |
| Town of Becket, grader | 2.40 |
| State Line Sand & Gravel Co., 5 ton roller | 42.32 |
| Town of New Marlboro, sand spreader | 13.50 |
| Town of Hinsdale, tractor | 9.00 |
| Town of Hinsdale, grader | 1.50 |
| Town of Washington, grader | 14.10 |
| Town of Washington, tractor | 77.00 |
| Town of Washington, hone | 2.00 |
| John Kelly, truck | 10.50 |
| Robert Erickson, truck | 4.80 |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 513.82 |
| Clifford Clark, truck | 12.00 |
| Thomas Murray, truck | 60.93 |
| John Peer, truck | 216.93 |
| William Baumann, truck | 20.01 |
| George Bynack, truck | 35.53 |
| Victor Spadaccini, truck | 62.30 |
| Joseph Abderhalden, truck | 26.00 |
| William Cullett, truck | 115.50 |
| Snyders Express, truck | 131.60 |
| David Cochrane, truck | 167.20 |
| Crane Service Co., ½ yd. crane | 222.00 |
| William McCulloch, team and mower | 298.00 |
| Snyders Express, tractor mower | 5.00 |
| Ernest Schulze, team and mower | 40.00 |
| Anthony Cormier, team and mower | 2.00 |
| Town of Blandford, power grader | 502.00 |
| Herbert Hart, grader operator | 150.18 |
| Herbert Hart, transportation | 35.12 |
| Farrell & Gregory, 1-3 ft. culvert | 80.00 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 24 ton cold patch | 109.50 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 123 ton 1550 lbs. sand | 61.89 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 157 ton 1620 lbs. grits | 157.81 | |
| Earl Levernoch, 1817 yds. gravel | 181.70 | |
| Annay Chase, 369 yds. gravel | 36.90 | |
| American Tar Co., 9995 gals. tar | 1,349.34 | |
| E. C. Ashworth, 5 scythes | 10.00 | |
| A. Leo Nash, 6 culverts | 199.46 | |
| T. A. Frissell, 2 files | .94 | |
| | | $7,150.02 |

RECAPITULATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | $3,840.75 | |
| Old Age Administration | 49.02 | |
| Aid of Dependent Children | 461.72 | |
| Welfare | 323.00 | |
| Soldier's Relief | 303.35 | |
| Ration Board expenses | 65.19 | |
| Bridges | 226.40 | |
| Insurance on Buildings | 85.77 | |
| Officers' Bonds | 25.25 | |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 | |
| Snow Account | 2,045.80 | |
| Cemetery Account | 45.00 | |
| Eden Glen Dam | 62.50 | |
| Ration Board Salary | 105.00 | |
| School Doctor—Subsidy | 52.08 | |
| Machinery | 396.12 | |
| Discount on notes | 16.25 | |
| Miscellaneous | 392.19 | |
| Town Officers | 722.90 | |
| Forest Warden | 44.60 | |
| Chapter 81 | 7,150.02 | |
| Snow Fence | 311.05 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 1,000.16 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 183.02 | |
| | | $18,007.14 |

JOHN L. PEER,
HARRY C. SHAW,
C. A. R. SIMMONS,
Board of Selectmen

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1944 | | $14,324.99 |
| 1942 taxes | $98.82 | |
| 1943 taxes | 861.72 | |
| 1944 taxes | 4,602.40 | |
| 1942 poll tax | 6.00 | |
| 1943 poll tax | 8.00 | |
| 1944 poll tax | 106.00 | |
| | | 5,682.94 |
| 1943 motor excise | $31.35 | |
| 1944 motor excise | 268.55 | |
| | | 299.90 |
| Interest on taxes | | 36.60 |
| Demand on taxes | | .70 |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant | | 1,612.65 |
| Old Age Administration | | 53.71 |
| Old Age Assistance, State | | 1,103.90 |
| Income tax | | 1,218.50 |
| Massachusetts School Fund Part 11 | | 1,578.19 |
| School Superintendent | | 386.65 |
| High School tuition, due in 1943 | | 1,102.52 |
| High School tuition | | 1,443.32 |
| High School transportation | | 1,170.15 |
| Vocational Education | | 393.61 |
| Loss of taxes | | 3,229.37 |
| Highways Chapter 81, due in 1943 | | 155.25 |
| Highways Chapter 81, 1944 | | 4,618.20 |
| Highways Chapter 569 | | 2,729.85 |
| Highways Chapter 90 State | | 400.00 |
| Highways Chapter 90 County | | 400.00 |
| Corporation tax | | 385.80 |
| Selectmen's Licenses | | 141.00 |
| Aid Dependent Children | | 407.67 |
| County Dog Refund | | 86.77 |
| Note | | 3,000.00 |
| Payroll deductions, withholding tax | | 409.00 |
| Dog Licenses | | 126.00 |
| Tractor earnings, Chapter 81 | | 79.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Grader earnings, Chapter 81 | 14.10 |
| Town of Becket, use of tractor | 168.80 |
| Town of Otis, use of tractor | 14.40 |
| Refund on withholding tax | 2.10 |
| Redemption of Norton property | 19.19 |
| Sale of W. Wiglowski property | 20.00 |
| Meal tax | 100.44 |
| Division of Livestock | 3.50 |
| | $46,918.77 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Treasurer.

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Selectmen's orders | $18,007.14 | |
| School | 7,599.94 | |
| State tax | 363.00 | |
| State parks | 10.02 | |
| State audit | 150.96 | |
| County tax | 268.76 | |
| Dog licenses | 126.00 | |
| Error in withholding tax | 2.10 | |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 437.10 | |
| Note | 3,000.00 | |
| | | $29,965.02 |
| Cash in bank | $16,047.69 | |
| Cash on hand | 906.06 | |
| | | 16,953.75 |
| | | $46,918.77 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Treasurer.

**Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance December 31, 1944, per statement | | $18,120.75 |
| Balance December 31, 1944, per check book | $16,047.69 | |
| Outstanding checks Dec. 31, 1944, per list | 2,073.06 | |
| | | $18,120.75 |

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### DOG LICENSES

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Male | 36 | @ | $2.00 | $72.00 | |
| Spayed female | 10 | @ | 2.00 | 20.00 | |
| Female | 9 | @ | 5.00 | 45.00 | |
| | | | | | $137.00 |
| Fees retained | | | | | 11.00 |
| Payment to treasurer | | | | | $126.00 |

### SPORTING LICENSES

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Resident citizens' fishing | 9 | @ | $2.00 | $18.00 | |
| Resident citizens' hunting | 9 | @ | 2.00 | 18.00 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting | 4 | @ | 3.25 | 13.00 | |
| Resident citizens' minor and female fishing | 11 | @ | 1.25 | 13.75 | |
| Resident citizens' minor trapping | 2 | @ | 2.25 | 4.50 | |
| Resident citizens' trapping | 2 | @ | 5.25 | 10.50 | |
| Special non-resident fishing | 1 | @ | 1.50 | 1.50 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting | 6 | free | | | |
| Resident Military and Naval sporting | 1 | free | | | |
| Resident citizens' fishing | 3 | free | | | |
| | | | | | $79.25 |
| Fees retained | | | | | 9.50 |
| Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game | | | | | $69.75 |

### BIRTHS RECORDED

Mar. 31. Bonnie Lee Zaleski, daughter of Zigmund Zaleski and Margaret (Wood) Zaleski.

June 13. Peter Gallant, son of Edward J. Gallant and Arlene (Conley) Gallant.

Nov. 16. Janice Carolyn Gardner, daughter of John Gaffney Gardner and Martha Bertha (Schulze) Gardner.

## DEATHS RECORDED

March 24, 1944. Francis Farrell, age 24.
August 14, 1944. Helen Carpenter Brown, age 55.
September 15, 1944. Rudolph Meiers, age 74.
October 7, 1944. Ellen McNerney Flynn, age 79.
November 7, 1944. Charles H. Brown, age 75.

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Town Clerk.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total appropriation to be raised by taxation | | $18,096.60 | |
| Total appropriation to be taken from available funds | | 1,035.25 | $19,131.85 |
| State Tax: | | 1943 | |
| State tax | $363.00 | Under- | |
| State parks & reservations | 10.02 | estimate | |
| State audit | 150.96 | | |
| | $523.98 | | $523.98 |
| County Tax | 268.76 | $11.06 | 279.82 |
| Overlay of current year | | | 227.85 |
| Estimated receipts and available funds | | | $20,193.50 |
| Income tax | | $1,036.91 | |
| Corporation taxes | | 269.81 | |
| State owned land | | 3,229.37 | |
| Gasoline tax | | 2,729.85 | |
| Motor vehicle & trailer excise | | 200.00 | |
| Licenses | | 200.00 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Health and sanitation | | 3.00 | |
| Old age assistance | | 1,800.00 | |
| Old age tax (meals) | | 85.07 | |
| Schools | | 3,000.00 | |
| Interest | | 25.00 | |
| | | $12,579.01 | |
| Overestimates of previous years: | | | |
| State parks and res. | | .30 | |
| Amount voted to be taken from available funds: | | | |
| (a) $1,035.25 approved 4/24/44 | | | |
| 1,000.00 approved 6/ 5 /44 | | $2,035.25 | |
| | | | 14,614.56 |
| Net amount to be raised by taxation | | | 5,548.94 |
| No. of polls 78 @ $2 each | | 156.00 | |
| Total valuation: | | | |
| Personal property | $25,500.00 | 664.30 | |
| Real Estate | $181,871.00 | 4,728.64 | |
| | | | $5,548.94 |

Tax rate $26.00.

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons Assessed:

| | Individuals | All Others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Personal Estate only | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| On Real Estate only | 76 | 3 | 79 |
| On Both Personal & R. E. | 25 | | 25 |
| | | | 112 |
| No. of Polls Assessed | | | 78 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Value of Assessed Personal Estate: | | |
| Machinery | $18,200 | |
| Live stock | 7,110 | |
| All other tangible pers. prop. | 240 | |
| | | $25,550 |
| Value of Assessed Real Estate: | | |
| Land exclusive of buildings | $118,471 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Buildings exclusive of land | 63,400 | |
| Total value of assessed real estate | | 181,871 |
| Total Value | | $207,421 |

## TAXES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For State, County and City or Town Purposes: | | |
| On Personal Estate | $664.30 | |
| On Real Estate | 4,728.64 | |
| On Polls | 156.00 | |
| | | $5,548.94 |

## NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK ASSESSED

| | |
|---|---|
| Horses (1 yr or over) | 26 |
| Neat cattle (1 yr. or over) | |
| Milch cows | 80 |
| Bulls, yearlings, etc. | 57 |
| Swine | 10 |
| Sheep | 13 |
| Fowl | 1723 |
| No. of acres of land assessed | 13,301 |
| No. of dwellings assessed | 91 |

(Signed) HARRY D. OLDS,
ERNEST F. SCHULZE
MARY BAACK

Rate set May 31, 1944

## TOWN PROPERTY

| | Acres | Value Land | Buildings | Value | Total Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall Rights | ½ | 25 | Town Hall | 1,000 | 1,025 |
| | | | 2 Schools | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Part of Bennet Place | 6 | 100 | Garage | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 75 | | | 75 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28 ½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| | | | | | 5,900 |

# 1944 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## 1941 Taxes as per 1943 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $14.40 |
| Taken by Tax Title | 14.40 |

## 1942 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. in 1942 property taxes | $3,951.68 | Property tax warrant | $4,293.38 |
| Abated property taxes | 57.96 | Personal warrant | 620.52 |
| Paid Treas. poll taxes in 1942 | 116.00 | Poll tax warrant | 162.00 |
| Abated poll taxes in 1942 | 24.00 | | |
| Paid Treas. property taxes in 1943 | 791.04 | | |
| Paid Treas. poll taxes in 1943 | 12.00 | | |
| Paid Treas. poll taxes in 1944 | 6.00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes in 1944 | 4.00 | | |
| Paid Treas. property taxes in 1944 | 98.82 | | |
| Taken by tax title in 1944 | 14.40 | | |
| | $5,075.90 | | $5,075.90 |

Interest collected on 1942 taxes in 1944, $6.69, costs, .35

## 1943 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. property taxes in 1943 | $4,371.60 | Property tax warrant | $4,662.80 |
| Paid Treas. poll taxes in 1943 | 104.00 | Personal tax warrant | 670.41 |
| Abated poll taxes in 1943 | 34.00 | Poll tax warrant | 152.00 |
| Abated poll taxes in 1944 | 6.00 | | |
| Paid Treas. poll taxes in 1944 | 8.00 | | |
| Paid Treas. property taxes in 1944 | 861.72 | | |
| Taken by tax title | 15.60 | | |
| Uncollected | 84.29 | | |
| | $5,485.21 | | $5,485.21 |

## 1943 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. in 1943 | $394.92 | Warrants | $453.16 |
| Abated in 1943 | 13.08 | | |
| Abated in 1944 | 13.81 | | |
| Paid Treas. in 1944 | 31.35 | | |
| | $453.16 | | $453.16 |

1943 Interest collected in 1944, $27.11, costs .35c

## 1944 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas., property taxes | $4,602.40 | Real estate warrant | $4,728.64 |
| Paid Treas., poll taxes | 106.00 | Personal tax warrant | 664.30 |
| Abated poll taxes | 44.00 | Poll tax warrant | 156.00 |
| Certified to tax title | 2.08 | | |
| Abated property taxes | 58.50 | | |
| Uncollected poll | 6.00 | | |
| Uncollected property | 729.96 | | |
| | $5,548.94 | | $5,548.94 |

## 1944 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. | $268.55 | Warrants | $305.74 |
| Abatements | 14.15 | | |
| Uncollected | 23.04 | | |
| | $305.74 | | $305.74 |

1944 Interest collected, $2.80

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
Collector of Taxes.

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $7,600.00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,106.60 | |
| Nellie Jo Hunt, teacher | 967.00 | |
| Massachusetts Retirement | 124.50 | |
| Herbert Hoyt, superintendent | 673.28 | |
| Superintendent's expenses | 26.50 | |
| Gladys Leasot, art supervisor | 100.00 | |
| Rose Conley, nurse | 35.00 | |
| Joseph Loehr, transportation | 312.20 | |
| Russel Frey, transportation | 23.80 | |
| John Peer, local transportation | 727.00 | |
| C. A. Wallin, High School transportation | 1,174.80 | |
| City of Pittsfield, H. S. tuition | 895.27 | |
| City of Pittsfield, Elem. tuition | 85.79 | |
| Vocational School, tuition | 203.64 | |
| Town of Dalton, H. S. tuition | 158.08 | |
| Town of Becket, tuition | 90.27 | |
| Text books | 64.46 | |
| Stationery and supplies | 57.35 | |
| Janitor | 124.85 | |
| Fuel | 102.58 | |
| Lights | 16.79 | |
| Repairs | 34.06 | |
| Library | 19.64 | |
| Miscellaneous | 96.58 | |
| School Committee | 6.00 | |
| New Equipment | 81.90 | |
| Tax withholdings | 292.00 | |
| | | 7,599.94 |
| Unexpended | | .06 |

MAY SANDERSON, Chairman
BERTHA POMEROY,
FLORENCE SIMMONS,
School Committee.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Washington:

I take pleasure in submitting my second report as Superintendent of your schools. Again I am pleased to be able to report that the work of the Valley School has progressed normally and that we have reason to feel satisfied with the results of our year's work. For several reasons the towns of Union No. 40 have remained singularly free from a number of the problems which have constantly harassed the superintendents and school committees of larger towns, particularly those with high schools. The acute teacher shortage has not affected us to any great extent, nor have we been compelled to make drastic changes in our curriculum to meet war-time demands as have the secondary schools. This does not mean that our schools have remained aloof from the war effort as I shall make clear later in my report, but only that we are fortunate in being able to correlate our undertakings with our regular school program rather than being forced to make substitutions therein.

## Elementary School Enrollment

On October 1, 1944 there were 33 pupils enrolled at Valley School, distributed as follows:

| Teacher | Grade | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | Total |
| Hunt, Nellie Jo. | 6 | 2 | 5 | 6 | | | | | 19 |
| May, Mrs. Maud | | | | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 14 |
| Total Elementary School Enrollment | | | | | | | | | 33 |

## High School Enrollment

### Dalton High School

Freshman Class—Norman Radwich
Sophomore Class—None
Junior Class—Charlotte Radwich, Norma Zink, Norman Zink
Senior Class—None

**Pittsfield Junior High School**

Louis Mason
William Loehr
John Canavan
Flora Rock

**Pittsfield High School**

Sophomore Class—Judith Fleming, Leona Gillett, Roy Simmons
Junior Class—Joseph Loehr
Senior Class—Patricia Kelley, Mary Rock

**Pittsfield Vocational School**

Richard Burnham, Theodore Peer

Total High School Enrollment—16

**High School Tuition Rates**

Tuition rates continue to rise at Dalton, but Pittsfield Senior High shows a decrease this year. The following table shows a comparison of the tuition rates for the last three years.

| | 1942-43 | 1943-44 | 1944-45 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dalton High School | $125 | $132 | $150 |
| Pittsfield Senior High School | 118 | 135.50 | 126 |
| Pittsfield Junior High School | 95 | 110 | 112 |
| Pittsfield Vocational School | 100 | 100 | 100 |

**Reimbursements From Commonwealth of Mass.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| General School Fund, Part I | $717.50 | |
| General School Fund, Part II | 1,578.19 | |
| Account of Union Superintendent | 386.65 | |
| High School Tuition | 1,443.32 | |
| High School Transportation | 1,170.15 | |
| Vocational Tuition and Transportation | 393.61 | |
| Total Reimbursements 1944 | $5,689.42 | |
| Total Expenditures | | $7,599.94 |
| Total Reimbursements 1944 | | 5,689.42 |
| Net Cost to Taxpayers | | $1,910.52 |

**Budget for 1945**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Teachers' salaries | $2,650.00 |
| 2. Textbooks | 60.00 |
| 3. Stationery and supplies | 75.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4. | Janitor | 150.00 |
| 5. | Fuel | 175.00 |
| 6. | Lights | 15.00 |
| 7. | Library | 20.00 |
| 8. | Health | 50.00 |
| 9. | Local transportation | 720.00 |
| 10. | High School transportation | 1,500.00 |
| 11. | Elementary tuition | 175.00 |
| 12. | High School tuition | 3,000.00 |
| 13. | Superintendent's salary and expenses | 745.00 |
| 14. | New equipment and repairs | 60.00 |
| 15. | Miscellaneous | 30.00 |
| | Total 1945 budget | $9,425.00 |

This budget shows an increase of $1,825 over the 1944 budget. It will be noted however that the items increased are high school tuition and transportation. All of the tuition is reimbursed by the state and most of the transportation. This increase of $1,825 will cause an increase of about $175 in the net cost to the taxpayers. It was necessary to increase these items because of the increased enrollment in high school and because of the increase in tuition charges.

## Teachers

We were very fortunate again last year in having no changes in our teaching staff. The teacher shortage is becoming more critical each year that the war goes on.

## Repairs

During the summer the floor in Miss Hunt's room was thoroughly cleaned, filled, and waxed. The synthetic rubber soles and heels on shoes makes it almost impossible to keep floors looking well. The floor in Mrs. May's room was cleaned and oiled. The whole building was cleaned and minor repairs were made.

## New Equipment

It was necessary to purchase some new desks for Miss Hunt's room to accommodate the rather large first grade. We obtained seven desks and chairs of the movable type adapted to the lower grades. These desks can be moved together to form a table, thus making it easy to carry on group work.

## Textbooks

We have modern text books in most classes at the Valley School. During the past year, we have adopted new language books for grades 5, 6, and 8, and a new arithmetic book for grade 8.

## Attendance and Membership

| School Year | 1941-1942 | 1942-1943 | 1943-1944 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Average Membership | 39 | 35 | 30 |
| Percentage of Attendance | 92.31 | 91.48 | 86.67 |

This is not a high percentage of attendance and we hope that this year's record may be improved. In order to progress satisfactorily a pupil must be in school every day that he is not ill, and it is the parents' responsibility to have him there. The school is the student's business office and he should be trained to think of it as such. This will develop habits of regular attendance which will insure his normal progress through school and help him in later life.

## School Cards

The Superintendent issues Employment Permits to any resident minor over 16 years of age. The Superintendent also has the responsibility of issuing permits when children of 14 to 16 request permission to leave school to work at home or elsewhere. In general, no such permit is granted unless the parents, pupil, Superintendent, teachers, and school committee agree that it is for the best interest of the child. All school authorities agree that every student be encouraged to progress in school as far as his mental ability will allow. The opportunities for work today have caused many students to leave school for positions that have no future. The period ahead will call for trained workers, and those pupils who are not interested in the academic work of a straight high school course should take advantage of the splendid vocational courses offered in Pittsfield.

## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

Mr. Herbert Hoyt
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Hoyt:

During the past year the Art work in the Washington Valley School was carried on similar to that of previous years.

The Primary room spent considerable time on Art and Crafts under Miss Hunt's direction. Drawing was also correlated with the countries of South America which they were studying. Free expression in their free hand work was encouraged.

The Grammar room made a fine showing for the past year. Many original and unusual drawings have been exhibited. The pupils are now using paints which they enjoy very much. One talented pupil has made several large black board drawings which were perfect. She has also made several large drawings 24″ x 36″ which were remarkable.

In correlation with other subjects Posters have been made on the Prevention of cruelty to animals, safety, Fire Prevention Week and on buying bonds.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have aided me in my work during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS F. LEASOT

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Herbert Hoyt
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hoyt:

The annual physical examinations were given on October 24, 1944 by Dr. Kurt Hirschmann. The following defects were found:

| | |
|---|---|
| Tonsil cases | 10 |
| Tonsillectomies recommended | 2 |
| Dental cases | 7 |
| Fallen arches | 2 |

The audiometer test was given on November 9, 1944—third grade to the eighth inclusive. The results were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Children tested | 26 |
| Hearing excellent | 21 |
| Retested | 5 |

There were a few cases of chicken pox during November and December among school and pre-school children.

Sincerely,
ROSE K. CONLEY, R.N.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. Herbert Hoyt
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hoyt:

The annual examination of school children at the Washington Valley School took place on October 24, 1944. There were 35 children examined, a few were absent due to chicken pox.

Nutrition and general health of the children were good. Care of teeth had improved greatly during the last year; it is to be hoped that this gratifying progress will be kept up. Diseased tonsils were found in a few cases. A considerable percentage of children showed poor posture. I should like to make the suggestion that a gymnastic teacher should come to the school a few times and initiate a program of physical exercises that can be carried on later by the regular teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

K. L. HIRSCHMANN, M.D.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid spirit of cooperation accorded me at all times by the Washington teachers and by the school committee members. I have continually been impressed by the admirable attitude of all school personnel whose primary interest is, as it should be, the welfare of the children under our care.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT HOYT,
Superintendent of Schools.

# REPORT OF AN AUDIT

November 24, 1944

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. John L. Peer, Chairman
Washington, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from December 3, 1943, to October 28, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,
THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from December 3, 1943, the date of the previous examination, to October 28, 1944, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as entered on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The appropriations as voted by the town meetings were listed from the records of the town clerk and were compared with the aggregate amount raised by the assessors in the determination of the tax rate.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on October 28, 1944.

In connection with Chapter 81 and 90 highway work carried on in conjunction with the State and the county, it is recommended, if the town wishes to avoid the necessity of borrowing money under Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws, with which to pay that proportion of the highway expense for which reimbursement is to be received from the State or county, that the amount of the State and county allotments be appropriated by the town from surplus revenue, with the stipulation that the reimbursements, when received, be credited back to surplus revenue.

The receipts from licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The payroll deductions for federal taxes were checked. The deductions were listed, the payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue were verified, and the balance in the general treasury was proved.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of

payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury.

The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on October 28, 1944, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the depository and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The receipts of the town clerk on account of dog and sporting licenses were checked with the records of licenses issued, the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand October 28, 1944, was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, collector and town clerk were examined and found to be in proper form.

The tax title records in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the accounts of the treasurer, the collector and with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding on the date of the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes were audited.

The collections as recorded were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash balance on October 28, 1944, was verified.

Although attention of the collector was called in the previous audit report to the provisions of the statute which requires weekly payments by the collector to the treasurer, it was noted that the greater part of the collector's cash balance, as of October 28, 1944, consisted of checks which were more than a month old. All checks and cash received by the collector should be promptly deposited in the bank and a weekly turnover of all such collections should be made to the treasurer, as required by Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, which reads, in part, as follows:

. . . "He shall, once in each week or oftener, pay over to the treasurer all money received by him during the preceding week or lesser period on account of taxes and interest, including any sums received as interest on moneys received by him on account of taxes and interest and deposited in any bank."

Verification of the outstanding accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of accounts receivable of the department of public welfare were analyzed, and the recorded collections were compared with the treasurer's record of receipts.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the record of fees charged, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand October 28, 1944, was proved by actual count.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from the several town officials, for which I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance December 3, 1943, per previous audit, | | $13,703.88 | |
| Receipts December 3 to 31, 1943, | | 3,271.46 | |
| | | | $16,975.34 |
| Payments December 3 to 31, 1943, | | $2,650.35 | |
| Balance December 31, 1943, | | 14,324.99 | |
| | | | $16,975.34 |
| Balance January 1, 1944 | | $14,324.99 | |
| Receipts January 1 to October 28, 1944, | | 26,102.33 | |
| | | | $40,427.32 |
| Payments January 1 to October 28, 1944, | | $22,171.75 | |
| Balance October 28, 1944: | | | |
| Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company, | $14,469.87 | | |
| Cash in office, verified, | 3,785.70 | | |
| | | 18,255.57 | |
| | | | $40,427.32 |

Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance October 28, 1944, per statement, | | $15,465.53 |
| Balance October 28, 1944, per check book, | $14,469.87 | |
| Outstanding checks October 28, 1944, per list, | 995.66 | |
| | | $15,465.53 |

## FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX

Payroll Deductions

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance December 3, 1943, per previous audit, | | $98.50 | |
| Payroll deductions December 3 to 31, 1943, | | 29.20 | |
| | | | $127.70 |
| Balance December 31, 1943, | | | $127.70 |
| Balance January 1, 1944, | | $127.70 | |
| Payroll deductions January 1 to October 28, 1944: | | | |
| January 1 to March 31, | $87.70 | | |
| April 1 to June 30, | 135.00 | | |
| July 1 to September 30, | 86.70 | | |
| October 1 to 28, | 24.00 | | |
| | | 333.40 | |
| | | | $461.10 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Payments to Collector of Internal Revenue January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $437.10 | |
| Balance October 28, 1944, (in general treasury), | 24.00 | |
| | | $461.10 |

TAXES—1941

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 3, 1943, per previous audit, | | $14.40 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1943 and October 28, 1944, per list, | | $14.40 |

TAXES—1942

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 3, 1943, per previous audit, | | $591.44 |
| Payments to treasurer December 3 to 31, 1943, | $468.22 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1943, | 123.22 | |
| | | $591.44 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1944, | | $123.22 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $104.72 | |
| Abatements January 1 to October 28, 1944, | 4.00 | |
| Outstanding October 28, 1944, per list, | 14.50 | |
| | | $123.22 |

TAXES—1943

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 3, 1943, per previous audit, | | $1,054.38 |
| Payments to treasurer December 3 to 31, 1943, | $78.77 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1943, | 975.61 | |
| | | $1,054.38 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1944, | | $975.61 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $632.29 | |
| Abatements January 1 to October 28, 1944, | 6.00 | |
| Outstanding October 28, 1944, per list, | 173.86 | |
| Cash on hand October 28, 1944, verified, | 163.46 | |
| | | $975.61 |

TAXES—1944

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitments January 1 to October 28, 1944, per warrants, | | $5,548.94 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $2,705.06 | |
| Abatements January 1 to October 28, 1944, | 102.50 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Added to tax titles January 1 to October 28, 1944, | 2.08 | |
| Outstanding October 28, 1944, per list, | 1,505.27 | |
| Cash on hand October 28, 1944, verified, | 1,234.03 | |
| | | $5,548.94 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1942

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 3, 1943, per previous audit, | | $16.75 |
| Payments to treasurer December 3 to 31, 1943, | | $16.75 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1943

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding December 3, 1943, per previous audit, | $94.81 | |
| Commitment December 3 to 31, 1943, per warrant, | 22.08 | |
| | | $116.89 |
| Payments to treasurer December 3 to 31, 1943, | $58.65 | |
| Abatements December 3 to 31, 1943, | 13.08 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1943, | 45.16 | |
| | | $116.89 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1944, | | $45.16 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $29.35 | |
| Abatements January 1 to October 28, 1944, | 11.81 | |
| Outstanding October 28, 1944, per list, | 2.00 | |
| Cash on hand October 28, 1944, verified, | 2.00 | |
| | | $45.16 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1944

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitment January 1 to October 28, 1944, per warrants, | | $289.65 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $201.81 | |
| Abatements January 1 to October 28, 1944, | 12.15 | |
| Outstanding October 28, 1944, per list, | 49.87 | |
| Cash on hand October 28, 1944, verified, | 25.82 | |
| | | $289.65 |

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash balance December 3, 1943, per previous audit, | | $3.25 |
| Collections December 3, 1943 to October 28, 1944: | | |
| Interest | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1942, | $27.00 | |
| Levy of 1943, | 23.90 | |
| Levy of 1944, | .28 | |
| | | 51.18 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Costs: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1942, | $4.55 | | |
| Levy of 1943, | 2.10 | | |
| | | 6.65 | |
| | | | $61.08 |
| Payments to treasurer: | | | |
| December 3 to 31, 1943: | | | |
| Interest, | $23.74 | | |
| Cost, | .35 | | |
| | | 24.09 | |
| January 1 to October 28, 1944: | | | |
| Interest, | $23.53 | | |
| Cost, | .70 | | |
| | | 24.23 | |
| Costs retained: | | | |
| December 3 to 31, 1943, | $3.85 | | |
| January 1 to October 28, 1944, | 2.80 | | |
| | | 6.65 | |
| Cash on hand October 28, 1944, verified: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Taxes of 1943, | $5.88 | | |
| Taxes of 1944, | .23 | | |
| | | 6.11 | |
| | | | $61.08 |

## TAX TITLES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance December 2, 1943, per previous audit, | | $27.60 |
| Balance December 31, 1943, | | $27.60 |
| Balance January 1, 1944, | $27.60 | |
| Added to tax titles January 1 to October 28, 1944: | | |
| Taxes 1944, | 2.08 | |
| | | $29.68 |
| Tax titles redeemed January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $14.44 | |
| Treasurer's sale land of low value January 1 to October 28, 1944, | 15.24 | |
| | | $29.68 |

## SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

| | |
|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to October 28, 1944: | |
| Milk, | $ .50 |
| Auctioneer, | 2.00 |
| Camp, | .50 |
| Beer and Wine, | 2.00 |
| Liquor, | 100.00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auto dealer, | | 6.00 | |
| Junk, | | 30.00 | |
| | | | $141.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to October 28, 1944, | | | $141.00 |

## TOWN CLERK

### Dog Licenses

Licenses issued January 1 to October 28, 1944:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Male, | 36 @ $2.00, | | $72.00 | |
| Spayed female, | 10 @ 2.00, | | 20.00 | |
| Female, | 9 @ 5.00, | | 45.00 | |
| | | | | $137.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to October 28, 1944, | | | $126.00 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to October 28, 1944, | 55 @ 20c, | | 11.00 | |
| | | | | $137.00 |

## TOWN CLERK

### Sporting Licenses

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand December 31, 1943, per previous audit, | | | $5.50 | |
| Licenses issued December 3 to 31, 1943: | | | | |
| Resident citizens' hunting, | 8 @ $2.00, | $16.00 | | |
| Resident citizens' minor and female fishing, | 1 @ 1.25, | 1.25 | | |
| | | | 17.25 | |
| | | | | $22.75 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game December 3, to 31, 1943, | | | $20.50 | |
| Fees retained December 3 to 31, 1943, 9 @ 25c, | | | 2.25 | |
| | | | | $22.75 |
| Licenses issued January 1 to October 28, 1944: | | | | |
| Resident citizens' fishing, | 9 @ $2.00, | $18.00 | | |
| Resident citizens' hunting, | 5 @ 2.00, | 10.00 | | |
| Resident citizens' sporting, | 4 @ 3.25, | 13.00 | | |
| Resident citizens' minor and female fishing, | 11 @ 1.25, | 13.75 | | |
| Resident citizens' minor trapping, | 2 @ 2.25, | 4.50 | | |
| Resident citizens' trapping, | 2 @ 5.25, | 10.50 | | |
| Special non-resident fishing, | 1 @ 1.50, | 1.50 | | |
| | | | | $71.25 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $52.50 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to October 28, 1944, 34 @ 25c, | 8.50 | |
| Cash on hand October 28, 1944, verified, | 10.25 | |
| | | $71.25 |

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand December 3, 1943, per previous audit, | $7.24 |
| Payments to treasurer December 3 to 31, 1943, | $7.24 |
| Fees January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $2.12 |
| Cash on hand October 28, 1944, verified, | $2.12 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

### Aid to Dependent Children
### Accounts Receivable

| | |
|---|---|
| Charges December 3 to 31, 1943, | $59.30 |
| Payments to treasurer December 3 to 31, 1943, | $59.30 |
| Charges January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $94.36 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $94.36 |

### Bureau of Old Age Assistance
### Accounts Receivable

| | |
|---|---|
| Charges December 3 to 31, 1943, | $1,186.10 |
| Payments to treasurer December 3 to 31, 1943, | $1,186.10 |
| Charges January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $913.19 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to October 28, 1944, | $913.19 |

# TOWN OF WASHINGTON

**Balance Sheet—October 28, 1944**

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | $18,255.57 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1941, | $14.40 | |
| Levy of 1942, | 14.50 | |
| Levy of 1943, | 337.32 | |
| Levy of 1944, | 2,739.30 | |
| | | 3,105.52 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1943, | $4.00 | |
| Levy of 1944, | 75.69 | |
| | | 79.69 |
| Aid to Highways: | | |
| State, | $4,222.27 | |
| County, | 400.00 | |
| | | 4,622.27 |
| Overdrawn Accounts: | | |
| Highways Chapter 81, | $758.79 | |
| Highways Chapter 90, | 800.00 | |
| | | 1,558.79 |
| | | $27,621.84 |

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loan—In Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | $3,000.00 |
| Federal Withholding Tax—Payroll Deductions, | | 24.00 |
| State Tax, | | 181.50 |
| State Parks and Reservation Tax, | | 10.02 |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts, | | 150.96 |
| Dog Licenses—Due County, | | 70.20 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | 138.41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | 941.91 |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | |
| Assistance, | $166.40 | |
| Administration, | 78.40 | |
| | | 244.80 |
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances: | | |
| General, | $6,352.64 | |
| Civilian Defense, | 25.00 | |
| War Price and Rationing Board: | | |
| Salary, | 84.45 | |
| Expense, | 125.00 | |
| | | 6,587.09 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 966.17 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1941, | $14.40 | |
| Levy of 1942, | 14.50 | |
| Levy of 1943, | 152.53 | |
| Levy of 1944, | 125.35 | |
| | | 306.78 |
| Revenue Available When Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, | $79.69 | |
| State and County Aid to Highways, | 1,622.27 | |
| | | 1,701.96 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | |
| Prior Years, | $11,350.09 | |
| Current Year, | 1,947.95 | |
| | | 13,298.04 |
| | | $27,621.84 |

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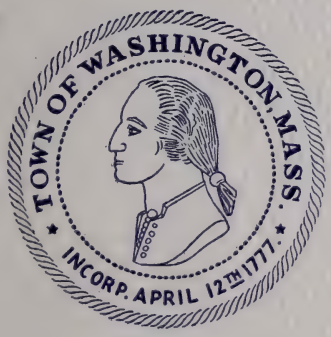
## School Committee




For the Year Ending

*December 31, 1945*

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The Studley Press, Dalton, Mass.

# Honor Roll

## ARMY

Kathleen Sanderson
Elizabeth Sanderson
Norman Sanderson
Allen Pomeroy
William Walden
Andrew Methe
*Elmer Radwick

## NAVY

Carl W. Peer
Arnold Radwick
*Lawrence Symonds
*Walter R. Shaw

## HONORABLY DISCHARGED

Ralph Simmons
Robert Sanderson
Charles Lane
Harry Madigan, Jr.
Leonard Levernoch
Harry C. Shaw, Jr.
Clarence Wood
James Rock
Dewey Walden
Francis Lane
Robert Keiper
Robert Elliot
William Burnham
Francis Rock

## CADET NURSES

Laura Sanderson
Barbara Peer

*Killed in the Service of Their Country.

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

### February 11, 1946

Polls will open at 10 A.M. and close at 2 P.M. The business meeting will open at 1 P.M.

**Art. 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers: one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor, and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3.** To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense of any suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 4.** To hear the reports of the various Town Officers, and to act thereon.

**Art. 5.** To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $9,500.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning Jan. 1st 1946 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1106.95 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $94.30 for Gypsy Moth control work as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 132.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the salary of the Tax Collector and Assessors, or any other Town Officer, or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $15.00 for tax Titles.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations) Maintenance of Highways, (Chapter 81) $650.00. Snow Removal $2500.00. Repairs and Maintenance of Bridges $600.00. (Chapter 90) $1000.00. Chapter 90 Maintenance, $500.00. Town Officers, $750.00. Miscellaneous, $500.00. Tree Warden, $50.00. Officers' Bonds, $30.00. Discount on Notes, $40.00. Forest Warden, $100.00. Old Age Assistance, $2000.00. Public Welfare, $800.00. Aid of Dependent Children, $2000.00 Cemeteries, $60.00. Snow Fence, $400.00. Becket Fire Dept., $100.00. Fire Insurance, Buildings, $90.00. Workmen's Compensation, $113.28. Soldier's Relief, $300.00. Eden Glen Pond, $25.00. Board of Health, $50.00. Reserve Account, $274.00.

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**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to the amount of $5,000.00 from surplus revenue funds towards the reduction of its 1946 Tax Rate.

**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to erect a War Memorial for service men of World War 2 of the same design as that erected for those of World War 1, and raise and appropriate the sum of $668.91 to pay the cost of same, or take any other vote relating thereto.

**Art. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $36.30 to defray its portion of the cost of Berkshire Mosquito Control.

**Art. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to name a day on which to properly celebrate the return of men and women engaged in any manner in World War 2 and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose as per Chapter I of the Acts of 1946.

**Art. 16.** To choose all other Town officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark, Sextons and Constables.

**Art. 17.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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## TOWN OFFICERS IN 1945

### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

C. A. R. Simmons

### SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman | Term expires 1946 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1945 |
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1947 |

### ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry Olds, Chairman | Term expires 1946 |
| Mary Baack | Term expires 1947 |
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1945 |

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Mae Sanderson, Chairman | Term expires 1945 |
| Venice Rock | Term expires 1947 |
| Bertha Pomeroy | Term expires 1946 |

### TREE WARDEN

Ernest Schulze

### AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR

Marguerite Schulze

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

### SEXTON

George N. Burnham

(Valley, Center, East and West Cemeteries)

## APPOINTEES

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FOREST WARDEN

John Campbell, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Joseph N. Blotz

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

George Ende  Joseph N. Blotz

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

John L. Peer

FIELD DRIVERS

John L. Peer  C. A. R. Simmons  Daniel Fleming

POUND KEEPER

C. A. R. Simmons

CONSTABLES

Daniel Fleming  C. A. R. Simmons  Henry Rock
Louis Sheehan  Amos Gallant

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Charles R. Johnson

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER

George Ende

FENCE VIEWERS

John Campbell, Sr.  Carl H. Peer  David Watson

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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### 1945 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting, February 12, 1945. Raised and Appropriated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Schools | $9,500.00 | |
| Chapter 81 | 650.00 | |
| Snow Removal | 2,500.00 | |
| Repair and Maintenance of Bridges | 550.00 | |
| Town Officers | 735.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 575.00 | |
| Tree Warden | 50.00 | |
| Officers' Bonds | 32.50 | |
| Discount on Notes | 30.00 | |
| Forest Warden | 100.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,500.00 | |
| Public Welfare | 1,700.00 | |
| Cemeteries | 60.00 | |
| Snow Fence | 350.00 | |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 | |
| Insurance on Buildings | 90.00 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 137.38 | |
| Soldiers' Relief | 600.00 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 50.00 | |
| Board of Health | 50.00 | |
| Reserve Account | 274.00 | |
| Salary of Ration Board | 105.00 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 500.00 | |
| Civilian Defense | 10.00 | |
| Ration Board office rent and exp. | 125.00 | |
| State Census | 33.00 | |
| Tax Titles | 15.00 | |
| Sand Spreader | 130.00 | |
| Chapter 90 | 400.00 | |
| | | $21,951.88 |
| Appropriated from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account | | 915.43 |
| | | $22,867.31 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,500.00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 1,756.21 |
| Unexpended 1944 balance | | |
| Total Available | | $4,256.21 |
| Payroll: | | |
| Jan. 1 to 15 | $145.00 | |
| Jan. 15 to 31 | 182.00 | |
| Feb. 1 to 15 | 151.60 | |
| Feb. 15 to 28 | 151.60 | |
| Mar. 1 to 15 | 141.60 | |
| Mar. 15 to 31 | 161.60 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 154.20 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 199.80 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 166.80 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 170.60 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 166.80 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 200.05 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 174.95 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 174.95 | |
| Aug. 1 to 15 | 174.95 | |
| Aug. 15 to 31 | 174.95 | |
| Sept. 1 to 15 | 171.81 | |
| Sept. 15 to 30 | 184.06 | |
| Oct. 1 to 15 | 159.95 | |
| Oct. 15 to 31 | 235.90 | |
| Nov. 1 to 15 | 265.10 | |
| Nov. 15 to 30 | 181.40 | |
| Dec. 1 to 15 | 181.40 | |
| Dec. 15 to 31 | 181.40 | |
| | | 4,252.47 |
| Unexpended | | $ 3.74 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended 1944 balance | | $59.46 |
| U. S. Grant 1945 | | 58.46 |
| Total available | | $117.92 |
| Dorothy Durant, Envelopes | $16.86 | |
| Hobbs & Warren, Binder | 5.71 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, mileage, tel. & post. | 16.21 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., mileage & postage | 3.30 | |
| | | 42.08 |
| Unexpended | | $75.84 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $500.00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 390.58 |
| Unexpended in 1944 | | 285.95 |
| Total available | | $1,176.53 |
| Case No. 1 | $492.40 | |
| Case No. 2 | 173.10 | |
| Case No. 3 | 117.00 | |
| | | $782.50 |
| Total Unexpended | | $394.03 |

## WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,700.00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 11.37 |
| | | 1,711.37 |
| Transferred to snow removal by vote at special town meeting Dec. 28, 1945 | | 610.00 |
| Total available | | $1,101.37 |
| Case No. 65 | $302.70 | |
| Boston Community Council social service index | 3.00 | |
| Settlement of Springfield Case No. 54645 | 700.00 | |
| Legal fees above case | 85.50 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, labor, tel. and transportation on above case | 10.17 | |
| Total expended | | $1,101.37 |

## SOLDIER'S RELIEF

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $600.00 |
| Transferred to Snow Removal at Special Town Meeting, Dec. 28, 1945 | | $400.00 |
| Total Available | | $200.00 |
| Case No. 1 | $40.00 | |
| Case No. 2 | $60.00 | |
| | | $100.00 |
| Unexpended | | $100.00 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $32.50 |
| Mass. Bond and Ins. Co. Tax Collector | $12.00 | |
| C. D. Hebb, Town Clerk | 5.00 | |
| C. D. Hebb, Town Treasurer | 7.50 | |
| | | $24.50 |
| Unexpended | | $ 8.00 |

## BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $100.00 |
| Becket Fire Department | $100.00 |

## TREE WARDEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## EDEN GLEN POND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $50.00 |
| John Campbell, Sr., labor | $20.00 | |
| Diocese of Western Mass., labor | $30.00 | |
| | | $50.00 |

## SALARY OF RATION BOARD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $105.00 |
| George Burnham, part salary | $27.00 | |
| Henry Rock, part salary | $27.00 | |
| | | 54.00 |
| Unexpended | | $51.00 |

## RATION BOARD EXPENSE AND RENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $125.00 |
| C. A. Pierce, coal | $8.30 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, rent | 52.50 | |
| George Burnham, lights | 10.50 | |
| J. C. Ballou, pipe elbow | .30 | |
| | | 71.60 |
| Unexpended | | $ 53.40 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $735.00 |
| George Ende, inspector slaughtering | $9.00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, four registrations | 8.00 | |
| Marie Peer, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| David Watson, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| David Watson, posting warrant and building fire | 3.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, salary, selectman, clerk and treasurer | 200.00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, salary, tax collector | 100.00 | |
| Mae Sanderson, salary, school committee | 5.00 | |
| Bertha Pomeroy, salary, school committee | 5.00 | |
| Venice J. Rock, salary, secretary school committee | 25.00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., selectman, sal. | 50.00 | |
| Archie Daigle, sealer weights and measures (2 years) | 20.00 | |
| Jos. N. Blotz, inspector animals and slaughtering | 12.00 | |
| George Ende, inspector slaughtering | 8.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, assessor | 30.00 | |
| Harry Shaw, chairman selectmen | 125.00 | |
| Harry D. Olds, chairman assessors | 50.00 | |
| Mary Baack, assessor | 30.00 | |
| | | $689.00 |
| Unexpended | | $46.00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $575.00 |
| Hobbs & Warren, town office forms | $23.78 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, mileage, postage and phone | 12.79 | |
| Western Mass. Electric Co., garage light | 9.00 | |
| Pittsfield Third Nat. Bank & Trust Co., check books | 3.66 | |
| Carr Hdw. Co., bulbs and stove pipe for garage | 2.52 | |
| Barre Gazette, tax bill forms | 11.29 | |
| B & A Railroad, rent and water right | 6.00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., perambulating | 8.38 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., postage, tel. and mileage | 4.35 | |
| County of Berkshire, share of cost of Leeds Sanitarium | 12.65 | |
| Studley Press, 130 town reports and envelopes | 128.35 | |
| Studley Press, 2 zinc cuts | 18.24 | |
| Studley Press, 130 ballots | 14.75 | |
| LaValle Sign Co., 2 highway signs | 14.00 | |
| John Gardner, labor and glass at town hall | 5.00 | |
| Berkshire County Selectmen's assoc. 1945 dues | 9.00 | |
| R. H. Rankin, 14 dis. land trans. 1944 | 7.00 | |
| Dorothy Durant, town stamped envs. | 16.86 | |
| John Peer, perambulating | 4.00 | |
| Theodore Wadell, certification note | 2.00 | |
| Mass. Collector and Treas. Assoc. 1945 dues | 2.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, mileage collecting dog tax | 10.30 | |
| Mass. Town Clerk Assoc., dues and fee | 4.00 | |
| Jack Mulcare Co., 2 1171 wrenches | 4.80 | |
| Jos. N. Blotz, phones to Becket | .60 | |
| Venice J. Rock, postage and phones | 1.47 | |
| Ernest F. Schulze, mileage | .72 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Ernest F. Schulze, perambulating | 9.35 | |
| Harry D. Olds, tel., postage and mileage | 5.72 | |
| Harry D. Olds, assessors meeting | 3.00 | |
| Mary Baack, mileage | 3.78 | |
| Mary Baack, assessors meeting | 3.00 | |
| Wm. H. Shandoff, record and payroll book | 6.50 | |
| Robinson Seal Co., 50 set seals | 1.19 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, mileage, postage and phone | 19.65 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, mileage, postage and phone | 16.50 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, recording deaths and marriages | 4.50 | |
| | | $410.70 |
| Unexpended | | $164.30 |

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $10.00 |
| Emil Schulze, collecting sirens | | 5.00 |
| Unexpended | | $ 5.00 |

RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $274.00 |
| Transferred to discount on notes | $ 5.25 | |
| Transferred to Welfare | 11.37 | |
| Transferred to Chapter 90, Maint. | 1.00 | |
| | | 17.62 |
| Unexpended | | $256.38 |

INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $90.00 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., insurance on School, Town Hall, Weights and Measures, garage and machinery | 85.77 |
| Unexpended | $ 4.23 |

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $137.38 |
| M. D. E. Tower, compensation policy | $137.38 |

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $550.00 |
| John Peer, Supt. | $23.80 | |
| John Peer, pickup truck | 8.40 | |
| John Peer, truck | 25.41 | |
| Harry Olds, team | 3.00 | |
| Charles Johnson, 3 stringers | 9.00 | |
| John Campbell, Sr., 8 rails | 4.00 | |
| Arthur Maceri, 2,660 ft. of 3-inch oak plank | 226.10 | |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1,968 oak plank | 157.44 | |
| J. C. Ballou, 40 lbs. spikes | 2.80 | |
| Norman Radwick, labor | 3.15 | |
| John Bolinski, labor | 8.15 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 26.25 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 29.75 | |
| | | $527.15 |
| Unexpended | | $ 22.85 |

## SNOW FENCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $350.00 |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Supt. | $61.20 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, car | 4.80 | |
| William Walden, Jr., labor | 20.80 | |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | 20.80 | |
| Louis Blotz, labor | 10.40 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 117.60 | |
| Norman Radwick, labor | 40.25 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 45.15 | |
| Ralph Radwich, labor | 20.30 | |
| Mary R. Schulze, post for snow fence | 3.50 | |
| | | $344.80 |
| Unexpended | | $ 5.20 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $30.00 |
| Transferred from reserve | 5.25 |
| Total available | $35.25 |
| Pittsfield Third National & Trust Interest on note | $35.25 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $100.00 |
| John Campbell, Jr., posting posters and 37 permits | | 6.67 |
| Unexpended | | $ 93.33 |

## CEMETERIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $60.00 |
| George Burnham, labor | $60.00 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## SCHOOL DOCTOR

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, carried over from 1944 by consent of State Auditor | $75.00 |
| Dr. Kurt Hirschman, medical treatment of school children as per itemized and notarized statement | $75.00 |

## STATE CENSUS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $33.00 |
| Daniel Fleming, mileage and labor | $33.00 |

## TAX TITLES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $15.00 |
| Berkshire Evening Eagle, advertising | $10.75 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, tax title records | 4.10 | |
| | | 14.85 |
| Unexpended | | $ .15 |

## SAND SPREADER

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $130.00 |
| Clark Wilcox Co., used Galion spreader | $130.00 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $915.43 |
| Tractor earnings in Becket | | 293.55 |
| Hone earnings Chap. 81 | | 5.25 |
| Screen earnings Chap. 81 | | .75 |
| Total available | | $1,214.98 |
| Ralph Levernoch, changing grousers | $ 8.25 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, changing grousers | 8.25 | |

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| Socony Vacuum Co., gasoline | 8.56 | |
| L. A. Harris, oil, grease & plugs | 17.55 | |
| J. C. Ballou, gas from June 6, to Aug. 18, '45 for tractor, Becket job | 61.42 | |
| John Peer, Cletrac 1945 registration | 2.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Cletrac '46 regist. | 2.00 | |
| | | 108.03 |
| Unexpended | | $1,106.95 |

SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,500.00 |
| Transferred from Welfare | | 610.00 |
| Transferred from Soldiers' Relief | | 400.00 |
| Both transfers authorized by vote at special town meeting December 28, 1945 | | |
| Total available | | $3,510.00 |
| Claude Goodell, truck plowing snow | $570.50 | |
| Fred Connor, truck plowing snow | 62.50 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck sanding | 62.85 | |
| Joseph Blotz, sanding and hauling tractor to Holyoke | 67.20 | |
| Joseph Blotz, tailgate for sander | 7.00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, hauling grousers | 7.00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, transporting sander tire | 3.50 | |
| Leon Harris, truck plowing | 133.00 | |
| Leon Harris, labor on tractor | 7.00 | |
| Leon Harris, labor and material on spreader | 6.00 | |
| Leon Harris, charging tractor battery | .75 | |
| Leon Harris, changing sander tire | 1.00 | |
| John Peer, tractor driver | 114.95 | |
| John Peer, supt. | 39.65 | |
| John Peer, truck plowing | 15.17 | |
| John Peer, pickup | .90 | |
| John Peer, trips to Albany, Dalton and Pittsfield | 12.00 | |
| John Peer, express, blades & sander | 2.75 | |
| John Peer, phones and 1945 registration | 4.45 | |
| Ernest Schulze, tractor driver and labor | 26.37 | |
| Robert W. Gardner, tractor driver | | |

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| and labor | 24.94 |
| Robert W. Gardner, trip to Pittsfield, express and hose fittings | 6.71 |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor and mileage | 60.95 |
| L. P. Adams, road salt | 18.05 |
| Arthur E. Smith, magneto, Monarch | 51.75 |
| Detroit Supply Co., repair jack | 9.45 |
| Detroit Supply Co., jack oil | 1.65 |
| Equipment Rental & Sales Co., Monarch parts, labor and transport | 287.08 |
| May Auto Parts Co., flexible hose | 2.75 |
| Levernoch Bros., tractor oil & drum | 44.32 |
| Firestone Tire Co., spreader tire and tube | 6.62 |
| Greylock Express, express, grousers | 2.78 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand | 42.95 |
| Socony-Vacuum Co., gasoline | 95.86 |
| Joseph Fassell, labor and car | 66.21 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 26.43 |
| Fred Connor, Jr., labor | 3.75 |
| Charles Wood, labor | 10.07 |
| Allen Eames, labor | 3.90 |
| John Gardner, labor | 1.63 |
| Irving Fassell, labor | 50.69 |
| Irving Fassell, tractor driver | 6.37 |
| Raymond Wood, tractor driver | 13.50 |
| Joseph Loehr, labor | .98 |
| Francis Lane, labor on Cletrac | 3.00 |
| Walter Fassell, labor | 12.02 |
| Franklin Fassell, labor | 12.02 |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 15.65 |
| Norbert Wagner, labor and tractor driver | 11.20 |
| William Walden, Jr., labor | 73.44 |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 42.62 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, 1946 Monarch registration | 2.00 |
| Erwin Levernoch, tractor driver | 10.50 |
| Philip Raymond, Supt. | 27.60 |
| Philip Raymond, Supt. | 6.00 |
| Richard Locke, gas | 3.20 |
| J. C. Ballou, gas and cans | 4.40 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor on and driving tractor | 10.50 |
| Fred Connor, truck and plow | 14.00 |

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| Leon Harris, truck and plow | 27.00 | |
| Leon Harris, repairs on Cletrac | 13.50 | |
| Fred Connor, Jr., labor | 3.00 | |
| Maine Steel Inc., plow point and Monarch parts | 46.31 | |
| State Dept. of Public Works, plowing snow, labor and rentals | 610.77 | |
| Tarbell Waters Co., Pyro and Hydroil | 6.35 | |
| Tarbell Waters Co., Monarch battery | 15.03 | |
| Clark Wilcox Co., Hi-pressure hose, tractor | 12.30 | |
| Dalton Auto Repair, sharpening grousers | 16.00 | |
| Dalton Auto Repair, battery cable | .85 | |
| Dalton Auto Repair, welding snow plow | 3.00 | |
| Pierson Hardware Co., tractor bolts & washers | 3.16 | |
| James S. Brown Inc., tractor transmission oil | 16.25 | |
| H. F. Davis Co., Cletrac repairs and parts | 319.16 | |
| H. F. Davis Co., Cletrac grousers | 160.00 | |
| | | $3,484.76 |
| Unexpended | | $25.24 |

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, Town | | $400.00 |
| Appropriation, State | | 500.00 |
| Appropriation, County | | 500.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 1.00 |
| Total available | | $1,401.00 |
| John Peer, Supt. | $17.00 | |
| John Peer, pickup | 6.00 | |
| John Peer, truck | 53.42 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 16.80 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 9.10 | |
| William Walden, Jr., labor | 16.80 | |
| Raymond Wood, Jr., labor | 14.00 | |
| Clellan Turner, labor | 11.20 | |
| Ralph Levernoch, labor | 7.00 | |
| Norman Radwich, labor | 8.40 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, labor | 25.60 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Town of Tyringham, spreader | 15.75 | |
| Fred Loring spreader operator | 18.17 | |
| Fred Loring, transportation | 6.00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., grits | 123.10 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand | 66.45 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., Bergraco | 157.50 | |
| Jos. Aberhalden, truck | 43.06 | |
| Jos. Blotz, truck | 71.26 | |
| Jos. Cormier, truck | 14.59 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 6.58 | |
| Moulton Asphalt Co., asphalt | 655.62 | |
| Clifford Camon, truck | 37.60 | |
| | | $1,401.00 |

CHAPTER 81

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|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $ 650.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 6,500.00 |
| Total available | | $7,150.00 |
| John Peer, Supt. | $517.66 | |
| John Peer, pickup | 180.30 | |
| John Peer, truck | 182.81 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Acting Supt. | 138.07 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, car | 41.25 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 411.30 | |
| John Bolinski, labor | 27.30 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 388.50 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 375.75 | |
| Raymond Wood, Jr., labor | 394.25 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 79.80 | |
| Leo Colalto, labor | 154.70 | |
| Ralph Levernoch, labor | 7.00 | |
| Norman Radwich, labor | 107.45 | |
| Norman Radwich, team and mower | 270.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, team and mower | 16.00 | |
| Anthony Cormier, team and mower | 3.00 | |
| Charles Wellspeak, labor | 4.20 | |
| William Walden, Jr., labor | 254.65 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 14.70 | |
| Town of Otis, grader | 351.00 | |
| Bernard Miner, grader operator | 106.00 | |
| Bernard Miner, transportation | 28.00 | |
| Erwin Levernoch, truck | 32.00 | |
| Joseph Aberhalden, truck | 75.40 | |
| Joseph Cormier, truck | 50.08 | |

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| Town of Blandford, grader | 168.00 | |
| Herbert Hart, grader operator | 48.38 | |
| Herbert Hart, transportation | 18.00 | |
| Town of Washington, hone | 5.25 | |
| Town of Washington, screen | .75 | |
| Town of Tyringham, sand spreader | 35.25 | |
| Fred Loring, spreader operator | 40.66 | |
| Fred Loring, transportation | 10.00 | |
| Ira Bates, truck sweeper | 21.00 | |
| Elbert Hart, sweeper operator | 5.25 | |
| Material | | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand | 114.60 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., Bergraco | 234.00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., Grits | 255.63 | |
| Mrs. Leo Collalto, gravel | 13.40 | |
| American Tar Co., tar | 1,721.94 | |
| Schulze Hardware Co., 3 rakes | 3.30 | |
| Moulton Asphalt Service, asphalt MC-3 | 163.91 | |
| Earl Levernoch, gravel | 3.20 | |
| L. A. Harris, cutting culverts | 1.50 | |
| Jacob Zeitler, sharpening tools and repairing chains | 10.30 | |
| Frank Howard, 2 pruners | 8.00 | |
| Frank Howard, grindstone | 13.95 | |
| J. C. Ballou, scythe snath | 2.50 | |
| Berkshire Hdw. Co., files | 1.08 | |
| Arthur Maceri, plank | 32.64 | |
| Carr Hdw. Co., scythe and files | 4.47 | |
| | | $7,149.63 |
| Unexpended | | $ .37 |

RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | $4,252.47 |
| Old Age Administration | 42.08 |
| Welfare | 1,101.37 |
| Aid Dependent Children | 782.50 |
| Miscellaneous | 410.70 |
| Chapter 81 | 7,149.63 |
| Snow Removal | 3,484.76 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 1,401.00 |
| Snow Fence | 344.80 |
| Bridges | 527.15 |
| Becket Fire Dept. | 100.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Cemetery Account | 60.00 | |
| Forest Warden | 6.67 | |
| Discount on notes | 35.25 | |
| Officers' Bonds | 24.50 | |
| Eden Glen Dam | 50.00 | |
| Soldiers' Relief | 100.00 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 137.38 | |
| Insurance on Buildings | 85.77 | |
| Town Officers | 689.00 | |
| Sand Spreader | 130.00 | |
| Tax Titles | 14.85 | |
| State Census | 33.00 | |
| Civilian Defense | 5.00 | |
| Ration Board Expense | 71.60 | |
| Ration Board Salaries | 54.00 | |
| Machinery | 108.03 | |
| School Doctor, 1944 | 75.00 | |
| | | $21,276.51 |

HARRY C. SHAW,
C. A. R. SIMMONS,
JOHN H. CAMPBELL, JR.

Board of Selectmen

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1945 | | $16,953.75 |
| 1944 Poll taxes | $ 2.00 | |
| 1944 Excise taxes | 23.04 | |
| 1944 Property tax | 693.94 | |
| 1945 Excise | 220.97 | |
| 1945 Poll taxes | 100.00 | |
| 1945 Property tax | 5,570.53 | |
| Interest on taxes | 25.91 | |
| | | 6,636.39 |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant, | 1,756.21 | |
| Old Age Administration | 58.46 | |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 1,965.56 | |
| Income tax | 1,345.00 | |
| Massachusetts School Fund, Part II | 1,454.68 | |
| School Superintendent | 386.88 | |
| High School Tuition | 1,336.40 | |
| High School Transportation | 1,142.28 | |
| Vocational Education | 279.65 | |
| Temporary Aid & Transportation | 20.00 | |
| Loss of Taxes | 3,206.85 | |
| County Dog Refund | 103.73 | |
| Corporation Tax | 349.63 | |
| Veterans Aid and Pension | 303.35 | |
| Dist. Court of Central Berkshire | 15.00 | |
| Meal Tax | 99.42 | |
| Snow Removal, Reimbursed by State | 1,253.48 | |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures | 4.84 | |
| Reimbursement Welfare Case No. 50 | 125.00 | |
| Berkshire County Mosquito Control | 36.30 | |
| Selectmen's Licenses | 181.50 | |
| Old Age Reimbursements from Towns | 136.66 | |
| Aid Dependent Children | 390.58 | |
| Note | 6,500.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Pay roll deductions, withholding tax | 583.70 | |
| Highway Fund Chapter 569 | 2,720.85 | |
| Highways Chapter 90 State | 500.00 | |
| Highways Chapter 90 County | 500.00 | |
| Highways Chapter 81 | 7,780.82 | |
| Dog Licenses | 108.60 | |
| Town of Becket, rent of tractor | 293.55 | |
| Hone and grader earnings | 6.00 | |
| | | $58,535.12 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Treasurer.

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Selectmen's Orders | $21,276.51 | |
| School | 9,494.72 | |
| Note | 6,500.00 | |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 558.50 | |
| State Audit | 158.58 | |
| State Tax | 204.00 | |
| County Tax | 348.72 | |
| Berkshire Mosquito Control | 36.30 | |
| State Parks | 7.43 | |
| Dog Licenses | 108.60 | |
| | | $38,693.36 |
| Cash in Bank | $19,574.86 | |
| Cash on hand | 266.90 | |
| | | 19,841.76 |
| | | $58,535.12 |

Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance Dec. 31, 1945 per statement | | $23,378.55 |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1945, per check book | $19,574.86 | |
| Outstanding checks Dec. 31, 1945, as per list | 3,803.69 | |
| | | 23,378.55 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Treasurer.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### DOG LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male, 34 @ $2.00 | $68.00 | |
| Spayed Females, 13 @ $2.00 | 26.00 | |
| Female, 5 @ $5.00 | 25.00 | |
| | | $119.00 |
| Fees retained | | 10.40 |
| Payment to Treasurer | | $108.60 |

### SPORTING LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident citizens' fishing, 15 @ $2.00 | $30.00 | |
| Resident citizens' hunting, 9 @ $2.00 | 18.00 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting, 7 @ $3.25 | 22.75 | |
| Resident citizens' minor and female fishing, 10 @ $1.25 | 12.50 | |
| Resident citizens' minor trapping, 2 @ $2.25 | 4.50 | |
| Resident trapping, 2 @ $5.25 | 10.50 | |
| Non-Resident citizens' fishing, 3 @ $1.50 | 4.50 | |
| Resident citizens' Sporting and trapping, free—7 | | |
| Resident or Military or Naval sporting, free—3 | | |
| | | $102.75 |
| Fees retained | | 12.00 |
| Paid Division of Fisheries and Game | | $90.75 |

### DEATHS RECORDED

| | |
|---|---|
| Aug. 26, 1945 | Lillian E. Wood, age 72 |
| Oct. 10, 1945 | William Thomas Ryan, age 78 |
| Nov. 24, 1945 | Donald Williams, age 35 |

### MARRIAGES

| | |
|---|---|
| Feb. 6, 1945 | Charles Jenks and Rosalie E. White |
| Apr. 4, 1945 | Leo Collalto and Annay Chase |
| Apr. 28, 1945 | George Francis Croughwell and Helen Elizabeth Loehr |

July 28, 1945 Harry Warner Madigan, Jr. and Nellie Josephine Hunt
Aug. 28, 1945 James S. Brown and Mildred E. Keig
Oct. 27, 1945 Robert Vincent Keiper and Barbara Elsie Meiers

BIRTHS

Sept. 8, 1945 Sharon Elizabeth Gallant, daughter of Edward Gallant and Arlene R. (Conley) Gallant.

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Town Clerk.

## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons Assessed:

| | Individuals | All Others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Personal Estate only | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| On Real Estate only | 98 | 4 | 102 |
| On both Pers. & R. E. | 15 | | 15 |
| | | | 129 |
| Number of Polls assessed | | | 83 |

VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stock in trade | $2,000.00 | |
| Machinery | 18,700.00 | |
| Live Stock | 6,130.00 | |
| | | $26,830.00 |

VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Land exclusive of buildings | $118,456.00 | |
| Bldgs. exclusive of land | 63,575.00 | |
| | | 182,031.00 |
| Total value of assessed real estate | | $208,861.00 |

Tax rate per $1,000—$31.00

TAXES FOR STATE, AND TOWN PURPOSES, Including OVERLAY

| | |
|---|---|
| On Personal Estate | $ 831.73 |
| On Real Estate | 5,642.96 |
| On Polls | 166.00 |
| Total Taxes Assessed | $6,640.69 |

| | |
|---|---|
| NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED | |
| Horses (1 yr. or over) | 22 |
| Neat Cattle (1 yr. old or over) | |
| Cows | 90 |
| 2 yrs 4; Yearlings 25 | 29 |
| Swine | 7 |
| Sheep (6 mo. or over) | 12 |
| Fowl | 1,340 |
| Number of Acres of Land Assessed | 13,165 |
| Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed | 91 |

## REAL ESTATE

| | Acres | Land Value | Buildings | Value | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall Right | ½ | 25 | Town Hall | 1,000 | 1,025 |
| | | | 2 schools | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Part of Bennett Place | 6 | 100 | Garage | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 75 | | | 75 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| | | | | | 5,900 |

## 1945 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### 1943 Taxes as per 1944 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $84.29 |
| Abated | 84.29 |

### 1944 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Property Taxes paid Treas. in 1944 | $4,602.40 | Real estate warrant | $4,728.64 |
| Paid Treas., poll taxes in 1944 | 106.00 | Personal tax | 664.30 |
| Abated poll taxes in 1944 | 44.00 | Poll tax | 156.00 |
| Cert. to Tax Title in 1944 | 2.08 | | |
| Property taxes abated | 58.50 | | |
| Pd. Treas., poll tax in 1945 | 2.00 | | |
| Abated poll tax in 1945 | 4.00 | | |
| Collected property tax in 1945 | 693.94 | | |
| Cert. to Tax Title | 15.60 | | |
| Uncollected | 20.42 | | |
| | $5,548.94 | | $5,548.94 |

## 1944 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. in 1944 | $268.55 | Warrants | $305.74 |
| Abated | 14.15 | | |
| Collected and pd. Treas. in 1945 | 23.04 | | |
| | $305.74 | | $305.74 |

1944 Interest collected in 1945—$23.87

## 1945 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. property taxes | $5,570.53 | Real est. warrant | 5,642.96 |
| Abated property | 60.60 | Personal tax warrant | 831.73 |
| Cert. to Tax Title | 18.60 | Poll tax | 166.00 |
| Uncol. property taxes | 824.96 | | |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 100.00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes | 58.00 | | |
| Uncol. poll taxes | 8.00 | | |
| | $6,640.69 | | $6,640.69 |

## 1945 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. | $220.97 | Warrants | $266.46 |
| Uncollected | 45.49 | | |
| | $266.46 | | $266.46 |

1945 Interest collected—$2.04

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,

Collector of Taxes.

## RECAPITULATION

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total appropriation to be raised by taxation | | $21,951.88 | |
| Total appropriation to be taken from available funds: (a) in 1945 | | 915.43 | $22,867.31 |
| STATE | | | |
| State Tax | $204.00 | | |
| State Parks and Reservations | 9.90 | | |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts | 158.58 | | |
| | 372.48 | | 372.48 |
| COUNTY | | | |
| County Tax | $346.48 | | |
| Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment | 12.65 | | |
| | 359.53 | | 359.53 |
| Overlay of current year | | | 256.73 |
| | | | $23,856.05 |

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Income Tax | $1,142.96 | |
| Corporation Taxes | 269.81 | |
| Reimbursement on account of State owned land | 3,206.85 | |
| Gasoline tax | 2,720.85 | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise | 200.00 | |
| Licenses | 140.00 | |
| Health and Sanitation | 3.50 | |
| Charities | 1,500.00 | |
| Old Age Tax (Meals) | 90.96 | |
| Schools | 4,500.00 | |
| Interest on Taxes | 25.00 | |
| Total estimated Receipts | $13,799.93 | |
| Amounts voted to be taken from Available funds: | | |
| 915.43 Approved May 17, 1945 | | |
| 2,500.00 Approved May 17, 1945 | | |
| Total available funds | 3,415.43 | |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS | | 17,215.36 |
| NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION | | 6,640.69 |
| Number of Polls 83 at $2.00 | 166.00 | |
| Total valuation: | | |
| Personal Property $26,830, Rate $31 | 831.73 | |
| Real Estate $182,031 | 5,642.96 | |
| TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS AND PROPERTY | | 6,640.69 |

Tax Rate Fixed on May 16, 1945

(SIGNED)

HARRY D. OLDS, Chairman
MARY BAACK
ERNST SCHULZE

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $9,500.00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,320.60 | |
| Nellie Jo Madigan, teacher | 1,140.00 | |
| Massachusetts retirement | 129.50 | |
| Gladys Leasot, art supervisor | 120.00 | |
| Substitute teacher | 25.00 | |
| Herbert Hoyt, Superintendent | 414.12 | |
| Earl C. Suitor, Superintendent | 283.30 | |
| Expenses of Superintendent | 28.03 | |
| Rose Conley, nurse | 31.50 | |
| Dr. Kurt Kirshmann | 50.00 | |
| Joseph Loehr, H. S. transp. | 512.40 | |
| John Peer, local transportation | 925.50 | |
| C. A. Wallin, H. S. transp. | 1,234.20 | |
| City of Pitts., tuition | 1,476.00 | |
| Vocational school tuition | 222.80 | |
| Town of Dalton, H. S. tuition | 552.60 | |
| Town of Becket, elem. tuition | 328.85 | |
| Textbooks | 99.41 | |
| Stationery supplies | 94.57 | |
| Janitor | 132.95 | |
| Fuel | 164.86 | |
| Light, Water | 84.14 | |
| Repairs | 80.58 | |
| Library | 12.95 | |
| Miscellaneous | 18.86 | |
| School Committee | 18.00 | |
| Total | $9,494.72 | |
| Unexpended | | $5.28 |

MAY SANDERSON, Chairman
BERTHA POMEROY,
VENICE J. ROCK,
School Committee.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Washington School Committee and Citizens of Washington:

Before beginning the formal report as Superintendent of your school, I wish to tell you how much my family and I like the Berkshires. We are so happy to be back where there are mountains and trees.

If I were to report only that the school work has progressed normally and that there has been progress, that would cover the story fairly well. However, I shall report briefly on some of the phases of the school work since last September.

## Teachers

Mrs. Maude S. May and Mrs. Nellie Jo Madigan are conducting the Washington Valley School conscientiously and well. Indeed we are fortunate to have two such fine and suitable teachers for this school. My only regret is that they are so underpaid.

## Elementary Pupils

On October 1 there were 22 pupils in the primary room and 14 in the upper grade room.

The attendance record for the period from September to January has been good. The following have had a perfect attendance record for this period:

Marie Brin, Joan Campbell, Edward Comerford, Henry Goodell, Marjorie Goodell, Betty Ann Peer, Henry Rock, Joseph Rock, and Louis Rock.

## School Programs

During National Education Week the pupils presented a play "Lights of Peace". Parents attended and discussed the children's work.

The entire school took part in the Christmas program.

## Repairs

The major project of repairs was the cementing of the spring. Other minor repairs have been made including some plumbing. Two additional storm windows have been purchased. We hope to do some badly needed painting this coming year.

## High School Pupils

**Dalton High School**

Charlotte Radwich, Norma Zink

**Pittsfield Junior High School**

George Burnham, Marie Campbell, Daniel Fleming, Joan Goodell, William Loehr, Louis Mason, Theresa Rock

**Pittsfield High School**

John Canavan, Judith Fleming, Leona Gillett, Joseph Loehr, Flora Rock, Roy Simmons

**Pittsfield Vocational School**

Richard Burnham, David Gillet

Total High School Enrollment—17

The City of Pittsfield and the Town of Dalton have granted their teachers a substantial salary raise which will necessitate an increase in tuition next year.

## Financial

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures 1945 | | $9,494.72 |
| Receipts 1945 | | |

### Reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| General School Fund, Part 1 | $ 820.00 | |
| General School Fund, Part 2 | 1,454.68 | |
| Superintendent's Salary and Exp. | 386.88 | |
| High School Tuition | 1,336.40 | |
| High School Transportation | 1,142.28 | |
| Vocational School Tuition and Transportation | 279.65 | |
| Total Reimbursement from the State | | $5,419.89 |
| Net Cost to Town of Washington for Support of Schools | | $4,074.83 |

### Budget 1946

| | |
|---|---|
| Teachers' Salaries | $2,950.00 |
| Textbooks | 60.00 |
| Supplies | 95.00 |
| Janitor | 150.00 |
| Fuel | 175.00 |
| Lights | 15.00 |
| Health | 82.00 |
| Local Transportation | 925.00 |
| High School Transportation | 1,500.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Elementary Tuition | 330.00 |
| High School Tuition | 2,450.00 |
| Superintendent's Salary and Exp. | 745.00 |
| New Equipment and Repairs | 250.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 30.00 |
| Total | $9,777.00 |

In comparing this budget with expenditures of last year, the High School transportation item is reduced because of an anticipated decrease in enrollment. This is offset by an item for painting the school which is badly needed. The High School tuition item will come out about the same as last year because of increased tuition rates in Pittsfield. The health item has to include the Doctor's fee as the School Department now pays the Doctor. An unexpected local transportation problem, which took about $200, had to be met this year. An increase in salaries for the teachers is planned. This is a step in the right direction although rather inadequate.

Considerable thought was put into the making of this budget by the Committee and the Superintendent in order to keep the total as low as reasonably possible. Because of increased costs in general, school budgets will have to go up. Every town is faced with the same problem today.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DOCTOR

Mr. Earl C. Suitor
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Mass.
Dear Sir:

Reviewing the finding of the annual school examination in Washington, I am pleased to say that the state of health among the children has improved steadily during the last four years. Nutrition especially is much better. However, dental care is not adequate among a fairly large percentage.

I found in twelve children a No. 3 rating. That means that several teeth are badly decayed and usually beyond help. It is desirable to secure the services of a

school dentist and let him treat the children twice a year.

Very truly yours,

K. L. HIRSCHMANN

## HEALTH REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Earl C. Suitor
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Suitor:

The following report is for the health activities in Washington.

Dr. Kurt Hirschmann gave the physical examinations on October 4, 1945.

His findings were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Tonsil cases | 5 |
| Dental cases | 12 |
| Cardiac | 3 |
| Flat feet | 2 |
| Physically handicapped | 1 |

A health visit is made during each month. The usual colds are found. Otherwise the health is good.

Sincerely,

ROSE K. CONLEY, R.N.

## REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

Mr. Earl C. Suitor
Superintendent of Schools

The art work was similar to that of the previous year.

The Grammar room made some very pretty designs in central balance. Figure drawing, landscapes and printing were some of the phases of art taken up. The children used water color, colored pencils and crayons. Each season a large picture is drawn on the blackboard by one of the pupils. This picture is beautifully colored with blackboard chalks.

The Primary room has spent considerable time on freehand drawing. Their pictures were usually corre-

lated with their geography or reading lessons.

The work at the Valley School compares favorably with the work that is done in larger schools.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS F. LEASOT

## Conclusion

I am concluding this brief report with pertinent quotations from authentic sources.

"People need to be able to understand the issues of our times. Only thus can they recognize constructive leadership and shun that which is false."

"Shortsighted, selfish individuals or groups in positions of privilege or power, either economically or politically, who do not favor the democratic extension of opportunity thru education must learn that democracy will succeed for all or it will fail for all."

"Every child in our country deserves a fair start in life including an educational opportunity that will develop his talents to the fullest."

"The only possible way to avoid economic catastrophe is by maintaining our national income at a high level. This we can do only if we have the intelligence, the vision, the unselfishness, and the will to do it The achievement of these qualities requires a high-grade educational program."

"The surest way to safeguard our democracy in the years to come on every front—social, economic, and political—is thru the best education we can provide now for all of the children of all of the people. The voters of 1955 and 1965 are in the schools today.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUITOR,

Superintendent of Schools.

# REPORT OF AN AUDIT

December 19, 1945

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Harry C. Shaw, Chairman
Washington, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from October 29, 1944 to November 13, 1945, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from October 29, 1944, the date of the previous audit, to November 13, 1945, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and verified by comparison with the warrants issued by the assessors for their collection. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved. The cash balance on November 13, 1945 was proved by actual count of cash in the office. Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

It was again noted that the collector does not comply with the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, which requires weekly payments by the collector to the treasurer.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the treasury. The payments were checked with the warrants approved by the selectmen, and the cash balance on November 13, 1945 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The tax title register in custody of the treasurer was analyzed and checked with the tax title deeds on file, with the accounts of the tax collector, and at the Registry of Deeds.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes, as kept by the treasurer, were examined and checked. The deductions were listed, the payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue were verified with the cancelled checks on file, and the balance in the general treasury on November 13, 1945 was proved.

The records of licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the records of licenses granted, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of bills sent out for collection by the bureau of old age assistance and by the board of public welfare were examined and checked. The charges were listed, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined. The recorded receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued and the payments to the State and to the town treasurer were verified.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked to the record of work done and the cash on hand was prove by actual count. It was noted that the sealer has not made any payments to the treasurer since the previous audit and attention is called to the statutory provisions calling for monthly payments to the treasurer.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 13, 1945. The balance sheet shows that the town is in excellent financial condition.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

For the co-operation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish. on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | $18,255.57 | |
| Receipts October 29 to December 31, 1944, | 6,489.35 | |
| | | $24,744.92 |
| Payments October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $ 7,791.17 | |
| Balance December 31, 1944, | 16,953.75 | |
| | | $24,744.92 |
| Balance January 1, 1945, | $16,953.75 | |
| Receipts January 1 to November 13, 1945 | 36,938.53 | |
| | | $53,892.28 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Payments January 1 to November 13, 1945, | | $26,766.46 | |
| Balance November 13, 1945: | | | |
| Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company, | $23,565.89 | | |
| Cash in office, verified, | 3,559.93 | | |
| | | 27,125.82 | |
| | | | $53,892.28 |

Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance November 13, 1945, per statement, | | $24,570.99 |
| Balance November 13, 1945, per check book, | $23,565.89 | |
| Outstanding checks November 13, 1945, per list, | 1,005.10 | |
| | | $24,570.99 |

## FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAX

### Payroll Deductions

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | $24.00 | |
| Payroll deductions October 29 to December 31, 1944, | 75.60 | |
| | | $99.60 |
| Balance December 31, 1944, | | $99.60 |
| Balance January 1, 1945, | $99.60 | |
| Payroll deductions January 1 to November 13, 1945, | 519.70 | |
| | | $619.30 |
| Payments to Collector of Internal Revenue January 1 to November 13, 1945, | $558.50 | |
| Balance November 13, 1945, (in general treasury), | 60.80 | |
| | | $619.30 |

### TAXES—1941

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | | $14.40 |
| Tax titles taken October 29 to December 31, 1944, | | $14.40 |

### TAXES—1942

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | | $14.50 |
| Payments to treasurer October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $ .10 | |
| Tax titles taken October 29 to December 31, 1944, | 14.40 | |
| | | $14.50 |

### TAXES—1943

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | | $337.32 |
| Payments to treasurer October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $237.43 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 13, 1945, | $4,117.46 | |
| Abatements January 1 to November 13, 1945, | 118.60 | |
| Added to tax titles January 1 to November 13, 1945, | 18.60 | |
| Outstanding November 13, 1945, per list | 958.64 | |
| Cash on hand November 13, 1945, | 1,427.39 | |
| | | $6,640.69 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1943

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | | $4.00 |
| Payments to treasurer October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $2.00 | |
| Abatements October 29 to December 31, 1944, | 2.00 | $4.00 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1944

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | $75.69 | |
| Additional commitment October 29 to December 31, 1944, | 16.09 | |
| | | $91.78 |
| Tax titles taken October 29 to December 31, 1944, | 15.60 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1944, | 84.29 | |
| | | $337.32 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1945, | | $84.29 |
| Abatements January 1 to November 13, 1945, | | $84.29 |

TAXES—1944

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | | $2,739.30 |
| Payments to treasurer October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $2,003.34 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1944, | 735.96 | |
| | | $2,739.30 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1945, | | $735.96 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 13, 1945, | $619.64 | |
| Abatements January 1 to November 13, 1945, | 4.00 | |
| Added to tax titles January 1 to November 13, 1945, | 15.60 | |
| Outstanding November 13, 1945, per list, | 24.32 | |
| Cash on hand November 13, verified, | 72.40 | |
| | | $735.96 |

TAXES—1945

| | |
|---|---|
| Commitment January 1 to November 13, 1945. | $6,640.69 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Payments to treasurer October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $66.74 | |
| Abatements October 29 to December 31, 1944, | 2.00 | |
| Outstanding December 31, 1944, | 23.04 | |
| | | $91.78 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1945, | | $23.04 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 13, 1945, | | $23.04 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1945

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commitment January 1 to November 13, 1945, per warrants, | | $266.46 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 13, 1945, | $133.57 | |
| Outstanding November 13, 1945, per list, | 125.55 | |
| Cash on hand November 13, 1945, verified, | 7.34 | |
| | | $266.46 |

## TAX TITLES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tax titles taken October 29 to December 31, 1944: | | | |
| Taxes 1941, | $14.40 | | |
| Taxes 1942, | 14.40 | | |
| Taxes 1943, | 15.60 | | |
| | | $44.40 | |
| Interest and costs, | | 28.70 | |
| | | | $73.10 |
| Balance December 31, 1944, | | | $73.10 |
| Balance January 1, 1945, | | $73.10 | |
| Added to tax titles January 1 to November 13, 1945: | | | |
| Taxes 1944, | $15.60 | | |
| Taxes 1945, | 18.60 | | |
| | | 34.20 | |
| Interest 1944, | | .26 | |
| | | | $107.56 |
| Balance November 13, 1945, per list, | | | $107.56 |

## INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash balance October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | | $6.11 |
| Collections October 29, 1944 to November 13, 1945: | | |
| Interest: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1943, | $4.44 | |
| Levy of 1944, | 25.04 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Levy of 1945, | .24 | | |
| | | 29.72 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes 1944, | $1.17 | | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes 1945, | .52 | | |
| | | 1.69 | |
| Costs: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1943, | $ .70 | | |
| Levy of 1944, | 1.40 | | |
| | | 2.10 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes 1944, | $1.75 | | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes 1945, | 1.05 | | |
| | | 2.80 | |
| | | | $42.42 |
| Payments to treasurer: | | | |
| October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $13.07 | | |
| January 1 to November 13, 1945, | 21.70 | | |
| | | 34.77 | |
| Costs retained: | | | |
| October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $2.45 | | |
| January 1 to November 13, 1945, | 1.75 | | |
| | | 4.20 | |
| Cash on hand November 13, 1945: | | | |
| Interest: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1944, | $2.55 | | |
| Levy of 1945, | .03 | | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes 1945, | .17 | | |
| | | 2.75 | |
| Costs: | | | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes 1945, | | .70 | |
| | | | $42.42 |

## SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to November 13, 1945: | | |
| Milk, | $1.00 | |
| Camp, | .50 | |
| One-day beer, | 3.00 | |
| Liquor, | 175.00 | |
| Victualler, | 2.00 | |
| | | $181.50 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 13, 1945, | | $181.50 |

## TOWN CLERK

### Dog Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to November 13, 1945: | | |
| Male, | 34 @ $2.00, | $68.00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Female, | 5 @ 5.00, | 25.00 | |
| Spayed female, | 13 @ 2.00, | 26.00 | |
| | | | $119.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 13, 1945, | | $108.60 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to November 13, 1945, 52 @ $ .20, | | 10.40 | |
| | | | $119.00 |

Sporting Licenses

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | | $10.25 | |
| Licenses issued October 29 to December 31, 1944: Resident citizens' hunting, 4 @ $2.00, | | 8.00 | |
| | | | $18.25 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game October 29 to December 31, 1944, | | $17.25 | |
| Fees retained October 29 to December 31, 1944, 4 @ $ .25, | | 1.00 | |
| | | | $18.25 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Licenses issued January 1 to November 13, 1945: | | | |
| Resident citizens' fishing, | 13 @ $2.00, | $26.00 | |
| Resident citizens' hunting, | 9 @ 2.00, | 18.00 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting, | 7 @ 3.25, | 22.75 | |
| Resident minors' and females' fishing, | 10 @ 1.25, | 12.50 | |
| Resident citizen minors' trapping, | 2 @ 2.25, | 4.50 | |
| Resident citizens' trapping, | 2 @ 5.25, | 10.50 | |
| Non-resident citizens' 3-day fishing, | 3 @ 1.50, | 4.50 | |
| | | | $98.75 |
| Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game January 1, to November 13, 1945, | | $77.50 | |
| Fees retained January 1 to November 13, 1945, | 46 @ $ .25, | 11.50 | |
| Cash on hand November 13, 1945, verified, | | 9.75 | |
| | | | $98.75 |

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand October 29, 1944, per previous audit, | | $2.12 |
| Cash balance December 31, 1944, | | $2.12 |
| Cash balance January 1, 1945, | $2.12 | |
| Fees January 1 to November 13, 1945, | 2.72 | |
| | | $4.84 |
| Cash on hand November 13, 1945, verified, | | $4.84 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

### Aid to Dependent Children—Accounts Receivable

| | |
|---|---|
| Charges October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $78.28 |
| Payments to treasurer October 29 to December 31, 1944, | $78.28 |
| Charges January 1 to November 13, 1945, | $152.18 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 13, 1945, | $152.18 |

## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

### Accounts Receivable

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Charges October 29 to December 31, 1944, | | $190.71 |
| Payments to treasurer October 29 to December 31, 1944, | | $190.71 |
| Charges January 1 to November 13, 1945, | | $1,897.39 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 13, 1945, | $1,759.92 | |
| Outstanding November 13, 1945, per list, | 137.47 | |
| | | $1,897.39 |

### Temporary Aid—Accounts Receivable

| | |
|---|---|
| Charges January 1 to November 13, 1945, | $20.00 |
| Payments to treasurer January 1 to November 13, 1945, | $20.00 |

# TOWN OF WASHINGTON

**Balance Sheet—November 13, 1945**

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

| ASSETS | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | $27,125.82 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1944, | $96.72 | |
| Levy of 1945, | 2,386.03 | |
| | | 2,482.75 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1945, | | 132.89 |
| Tax Titles, | | 107.56 |
| Departmental: | | |
| Old Age Assistance, | | 137.47 |
| State Aid to Highways, | | 600.98 |
| County Tax—Underestimate, | | 1.84 |
| Berkshire Mosquito Control Assessment—To Be Raised, | | 36.30 |
| | | $30,625.61 |

| LIABILITIES AND RESERVES | | |
|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loan—In Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | $6,500.00 |
| Federal Withholding Tax—Payroll Deductions, | | 60.80 |
| Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment, | | 12.65 |
| State Parks and Reservations, | | 2.47 |
| Dog Licenses—Due County, | | 54.60 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | 138.41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | 965.16 |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | |
| Assistance, | $220.69 | |
| Administration, | 71.02 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, | 215.13 | |
| | | 506.84 |
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances: | | |
| General, | $6,338.43 | |
| Civilian Defense, | 5.00 | |
| War Price and Rationing Board: | | |
| Salary, | 78.00 | |
| Expense, | 53.70 | |
| | | 6,475.13 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 1,087.94 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1944, | $96.72 | |
| Levy of 1945, | 138.13 | |
| | | 234.85 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, | $132.89 | |
| Tax Title, | 107.56 | |
| Departmental, | 137.47 | |
| | | 377.92 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | |
| Prior Years, | $13,888.37 | |
| Current Year, | 320.47 | |
| | | 14,208.84 |
| | | $30,625.61 |

# Annual Report

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the Town of

# WASHINGTON

and

School Committee

For the Year Ending December 31st

1946

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The Studley Press, Dalton, Mass.

# Honor Roll

## WORLD WAR II

Clarence Brasie
William A. Burnham
Robert G. Elliot
Robert V. Keiper
Francis W. Lane
Charles A. Lane
Leonard M. Levernoch
Harry W. Madigan, Jr.
Andrew I. Methe
Carl W. Peer
Allen S. Pomeroy
Arnold A. Radwick
Elmer A. Radwick
James H. Rock
Francis W. Rock
Robert J. Sanderson
Norman A. Sanderson
Kathleen E. Sanderson
Elizabeth H. Sanderson
Ralph T. Simmons
Harry C. Shaw Jr.
Walter R. Shaw
Lawrence Symonds
William D. Walden, Jr.
Dewey E. Walden

# Town Meeting Warrant

**February 10, 1947**

Polls will open at 10 A.M. and close at 2 P.M. The business meeting will open at 1 P.M.

**Art. 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2.** To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers: one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor, and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3.** To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense of any suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 4.** To hear the reports of the various Town Officers, and to act thereon.

**Art. 5.** To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $11,345.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning Jan. 1st 1946 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,108.85 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $94.00 for Gypsy Moth control work as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 132.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $36.00 for tax Titles.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations) Maintenance of Highways, (Chapter 81) $780.00. Snow Removal $2,500.00. Repairs and Maintenance of Bridges $600.00. (Chapter 90) $1,000.00. Chapter 90 Maintenance, $500.00. Town Officers, $900.00. Miscellaneous, $500.00. Tree Warden, $50.00. Officers' Bonds, $30.00. Discount on Notes, $40.00. Forest Warden, $100.00. Old Age Assistance, $3,000.00. Public Welfare, $80.00. Aid of Dependent Children, $2,000.00. Cemeteries, $75.00. Snow Fence, $400.00. Becket Fire Dept., $100.00. Fire Insurance, Buildings, $90.00. Workmen's Compensation, $183.02. Soldiers' Relief, $300.00. Eden Glen Pond, $25.00. Board of Health, $50.00. Reserve Account, $274.00.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to the amount of $5,000.00 from surplus revenue funds towards the reduction of its 1946 Tax Rate.

**Art. 12.** To choose all other Town officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark, Sextons and Constables.

**Art. 13.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

# Town Officers in 1946

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## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

C. A. R. Simmons

## SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman | Term expires 1946 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1948 |
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1947 |

## ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry D. Olds, Chairman | Term expires 1946 |
| Mary Baack | Term expires 1947 |
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1948 |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| May S. Sanderson, Chairman | Term expires 1948 |
| Venice J. Rock | Term expires 1947 |
| Bertha Pomeroy | Term expires 1946 |

## TREE WARDEN

Ernest Schulze

## AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR

Marguerite E. Schulze

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

## SEXTON

George N. Burnham
(Valley, Center, East and West Cemeteries)

# Appointees

FOREST WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING
George W. Ende  Joseph N. Blotz

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS
John L. Peer  Amos Gallant

FIELD DRIVERS
John L. Peer  C. A. R. Simmons  Daniel Fleming

POUND KEEPER
C. A. R. Simmons

CONSTABLES
John Gardner  C. A. R. Simmons  Henry Rock
Louis Sheehan  Amos Gallant

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK
Charles R. Johnson

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER
George W. Ende

FENCE VIEWERS
John Campbell, Sr.  Carl H. Peer  David Watson

MOTH INSPECTOR
Ernest Schulze

# The Selectmen's Report

## 1946 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting, February 2, 1946. Raised and Appropriated:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Schools | $9,770.00 | |
| Gypsy Moth Control Work | 94.30 | |
| Tax Titles | 15.00 | |
| Chapter 81 | 780.00 | |
| Snow Removal | 2,000.00 | |
| Repair and Maintenance of Bridges | 600.00 | |
| New Construction Chapter 90 | 1,000.00 | |
| Maintenance of Chapter 90 | 500.00 | |
| Town Officers | 900.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 500.00 | |
| Tree Warden | 50.00 | |
| Officer's Bonds | 30.00 | |
| Discount on Notes | 40.00 | |
| Forest Warden | 100.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 3,000.00 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 2,000.00 | |
| Public Welfare | 500.00 | |
| Cemeteries | 75.00 | |
| Snow Fence | 400.00 | |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 | |
| Insurance on Buildings | 90.00 | |
| Workmen's Compensation | 113.28 | |
| Soldiers' Relief | 300.00 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 25.00 | |
| Board of Health | 50.00 | |
| Reserve | 274.00 | |
| War Memorial | 668.91 | |
| Celebration for Men and Women of World War II | 200.00 | |
| | | $24,175.49 |

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|---|---|
| Appropriated from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account | $1,106.95 |
| Appropriated for Berkshire Mosquito Control | 36.30 |
| | $25,318.74 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation, Annual Town Meeting | $3,000.00 |
| Appropriation, Special meeting, from surplus funds authority of Director of Accounts | $1,200.00 |
| U. S. Grant | $2,063.12 |
| Total Available | $6,263.12 |

Payroll:

| | |
|---|---|
| Jan. 1 to 15 | $161.00 |
| Jan. 15 to 31 | 164.00 |
| Feb. 1 to 15 | 196.40 |
| Feb. 15 to 28 | 343.05 |
| Mar. 1 to 15 | 209.90 |
| Mar. 15 to 31 | 258.90 |
| Apr. 1 to 15 | 209.90 |
| Apr. 15 to 30 | 253.05 |
| May 1 to 15 | 209.90 |
| May 15 to 31 | 219.90 |
| June 1 to 15 | 214.95 |
| June 15 to 30 | 233.25 |
| July 1 to 15 | 214.95 |
| July 15 to 31 | 214.95 |
| Aug. 1 to 15 | 214.95 |
| Aug. 15 to 31 | 220.29 |
| Sept. 1 to 15 | 186.10 |
| Sept. 15 to 30 | 191.10 |
| Oct. 1 to 15 | 255.60 |
| Oct. 15 to 31 | 649.75 |
| Nov. 1 to 15 | 228.90 |

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|---|---|---|
| Nov. 15 to 30 | $262.05 | |
| Dec. 1 to 15 | 228.90 | |
| Dec. 15 to 31 | 231.50 | |
| Jan. 1 to 15 | 228.90 | |
| | | $6,002.04 |
| Unexpended | | $261.08 |

## CELEBRATION FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF WORLD WAR II

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $200.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 93.50 |
| Total Available | | $293.50 |
| Louis Frye, Account of Bake | $250.00 | |
| K. O. Davis, Repair and Tune Piano | 6.50 | |
| Harold Burnham, Labor | 2.00 | |
| Dominick Mangano, Music | 35.00 | |
| | | $293.50 |

## TAX TITLES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $15.00 |
| Unexpended | 15.00 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | 50.00 |

## BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100.00 |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $500.00 |
| Hobbs & Warren, town office forms | $60.12 | |
| Western Mass Electric Co., garage light | 9.75 | |
| John Corkhill, safety road signs | 14.50 | |
| Pittsfield National Bank, check books | 4.12 | |
| David Watson, building fire at town hall | 2.00 | |
| Mass. Collector & Treas. Assoc. 1946 Dues | 2.00 | |
| Mass. Assessors Assoc. 1946 Dues | 6.00 | |
| R. H. Rankin, 19 transfers | 9.62 | |
| LeRoy E. Shaw, searching title Howard Land | 5.00 | |
| Studley Press, Town reports (130) envelopes and ballots | 148.50 | |
| Berkshire County Selectmen Assoc. 1946 Dues | 9.00 | |
| Dorothy Durant, Town Envelopes | 16.86 | |
| Theodore Wadell, certification of note | 2.00 | |
| Mass. Town Clerk's Association 1946 Dues | 3.00 | |
| National Library Bindery, 2 Assessor's Blank Books | 5.00 | |
| Boston & Albany R.R. Land Rent | 1.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, Mileage collecting dog tax | 10.45 | |
| Amos Gallant, posting warrants | 2.00 | |
| Harold Burnham, Repairing town hall floor | 11.55 | |
| Amos Gallant, labor and pickup Summit Hill catch basin | 1.50 | |
| Jos. N. Blotz, labor | .83 | |
| L. A. Harris, Welding hook | .50 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, postage, mileage and telephone | 21.14 | |
| Harry D. Olds, postage and mileage | 8.10 | |
| Mary Baack, mileage | 2.10 | |
| Emil Schulze, burying pig left dead beside road | 2.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, mileage | .72 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, postage and tel. | 9.48 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Harry C. Shaw, mileage, postage and tel. | $49.66 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, recording births, deaths and marriages | 15.50 | |
| Venice J. Rock, postage and tel. | 2.47 | |
| | | $436.47 |
| Unexpended | | 63.53 |

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $600.00 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $28.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 14.00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 23.10 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, truck | 42.05 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 29.70 | |
| Philip Powers, labor | 13.20 | |
| Petricca Construction Co., 5 cu yds. concrete | 42.50 | |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts 2,000′ 3″ oak plank | 170.00 | |
| Boston & Albany R. R. 10-33 Rails | 100.41 | |
| | | $462.96 |
| Unexpended | | $137.04 |

## SNOW FENCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $400.00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 84.40 |
| John Peer, Supt. | $12.00 | Total |
| John Peer, pickup | 3.60 | Available |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | 63.00 | $484.40 |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 31.50 | |
| John Peer, truck | 7.00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 14.00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 63.98 | |
| Howard Ryan, labor | 12.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Theodore Peer, labor | $12.00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 57.38 | |
| Norman Radwick, labor | 12.00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 51.98 | |
| Philip Powers, labor | 51.98 | |
| Carr Hardware, roofing | 2.75 | |
| Carr Hardware, 4 roll wire | 3.00 | |
| Dubl. Test Supply Co. 500′-48″ snow fence | 86.23 | |
| | | $484.40 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,000.00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 614.90 |
| Total Available | | $2,614.90 |
| Payroll: | | |
| Jan. 1 to 15 | $106.80 | |
| Jan. 15 to 31 | 130.60 | |
| Feb. 1 to 15 | 106.80 | |
| Feb. 15 to 28 | 135.00 | |
| Mar. 1 to 15 | 94.45 | |
| Mar. 15 to 31 | 122.01 | |
| Apr. 1 to 15 | 94.45 | |
| Apr. 15 to 30 | 81.60 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 38.85 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 127.45 | |
| May 1 to 15 supplement | 58.50 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 97.35 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 132.35 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 97.35 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 103.95 | |
| Aug. 1 to 15 | 100.65 | |
| Aug. 15 to 31 | 148.55 | |
| Sept. 1 to 15 | 100.65 | |
| Sept. 15 to 30 | 152.65 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Oct. 1 to 15 | $107.90 | |
| Oct. 15 to 31 | 160.15 | |
| Nov. 1 to 15 | 107.90 | |
| Nov. 15 to 30 | 46.90 | |
| Dec. 1 to 15 | 32.25 | |
| Dec. 15 to 31 | 83.80 | |
| | | $2,568.91 |
| Unexpended | | $45.99 |

## WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $500.00 |
| Boston Community Council Social Service Index | $3.00 | |
| Case No. 65 | 62.60 | |
| Case No. 66 | 181.54 | |
| | | 247.14 |
| Unexpended | | $252.86 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $274.00 |
| Transferred to discount notes | $28.25 | |
| Transferred to Celebration for Men and Women of World War II | 93.50 | |
| Transferred to Chapter 90 | 2.19 | |
| Transferred to Chapter 90 Maintenance | .40 | |
| Transferred to Chapter 81 | .84 | |
| Transferred to Snow Fence | 84.40 | |
| | | $209.58 |
| Unexpended | | $64.42 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $40.00 |
| Transferred from reserve account | | 28.25 |
| Total available | | $68.25 |
| Pittsfield National Bank, Interest on note | | $68.25 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $1,106.95 |
| Hone earnings Chap. 81 | | 6.50 |
| Total available | | 1,113.45 |
| J. C. Ballou, gas for compressor | $3.60 | |
| L. A. Harris, chg. tractor bat. | 1.00 | |
| | | 4.60 |
| Unexpended | | $1,108.85 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100.00 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor and mileage | 12.60 |
| Unexpended | $87.40 |

## TREE WARDEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $300.00 |
| Case No. 3 | 120.00 |
| Unexpended | $180.00 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended 1945 balance | | $ 75.84 |
| U. S. Grant, 1946 | | 68.75 |
| Total available | | $144.59 |
| Dorothy Durant, envelopes | $16.86 | |
| John Campbell Jr., mileage, postage and tel. | 18.39 | |
| | | 35.25 |
| Unexpended | | $109.34 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $113.28 |
| M. E. E. Tower, Compensation Policy | $113.28 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $90.00 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., insurance on School, Town Hall, Weights and Measures, garage and machinery | $85.77 |
| Unexpended | $ 4.23 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $30.00 |
| C. D. Hebb, Town Clerk | $5.00 | |
| C. D. Hebb, Town Treasurer | 7.50 | |
| Mass. Bond and Insurance Co. Tax Collector | 12.75 | |
| | | 25.25 |
| Unexpended | | $4.75 |

## CEMETERIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $75.00 |
| George Burnham, labor | $75.00 |

## WAR MEMORIAL

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $668.91 |
| Joseph Salvini, War Memorial | 597.00 |
| Unexpended | $71.91 |

## EDEN GLEN POND

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $ 25.00 |
| Diocese of Western Mass. paid to labor cleaning pond | $ 25.00 |

## GYPSY MOTH CONTROL

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $94.30 |
| Ernest Schulze, time and mileage | 6.00 |
| Unexpended | $88.30 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $900.00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, registration | $2.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, salary selectman, town clerk and treasurer | 225.00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, ballot clerk | 9.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| Harry D. Olds, salary assessor | 50.00 | |
| Marie Peer, ballot clerk | 6.00 | |
| Venice J. Rock, salary school committee secretary | 50.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Mary Baack, assessor secretary | $ 60.00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, salary tax collector | 150.00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, salary selectman | 125.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, salary assessor | 30.00 | |
| David Watson, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., salary selectman | 75.00 | |
| Florence Simmons, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, inspector animals and slaughtering | 15.00 | |
| Bertha Pomeroy, salary school committee | 5.00 | |
| May Sanderson, salary school committee | 5.00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, ballot clerk | 3.00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, two registrations | 4.00 | |
| | | $823.00 |
| Unexpended | | $77.00 |

## SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,000.00 |
| Claude Goodell, truck plowing | $425.25 | |
| Claude Goodell, labor | 4.55 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck sanding | 134.15 | |
| Joseph Blotz, trucking wood to heat garage for tractors | 10.50 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 32.55 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 57.09 | |
| Franklin Fassell, trucking wood for garage | 9.62 | |
| Walter Fassell, sawing wood for garage | 9.85 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 6.60 | |
| John Sammville, labor | 4.95 | |
| Fred Connor, truck sanding | 31.50 | |
| Joseph Loehr, labor | 11.20 | |
| John Peer, tractor driver | 40.85 | |
| John Peer, truck sanding | 22.50 | |
| John Peer, truck plowing | 190.75 | |
| John Peer, pickup | 2.40 | |

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|---|---|---|
| John Peer, alcohol for tractor | $1.00 | |
| John Peer, express on tractor parts | 8.25 | |
| Ernest Schulze, tractor driver | 65.52 | |
| Amos Gallant, tractor driver | 40.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 5.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, labor | 28.35 | |
| O'Connor Bros., alcohol | 7.40 | |
| Louis Baker, labor | 1.05 | |
| Harry Olds, labor | .70 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 15.75 | |
| Joseph Gallant, labor | 12.25 | |
| Clarence Young, labor | .70 | |
| Henry Rock, labor | .70 | |
| Tarbell Waters, battery, tractor | 15.98 | |
| Socony-Vaccum, gasoline | 61.42 | |
| Sylvia Childs, gasoline | 5.70 | |
| Berkshire Gravel, sand | 92.54 | |
| Maine Steele Co., Monarch parts | 57.14 | |
| Berkshire Mill Supply, grease gun | 3.21 | |
| Pierson Hdw. Co., bolts for cletrac | 1.48 | |
| Dalton Auto Repair, cutting tractor cleats | 15.00 | |
| L. P. Adams, road salt | 66.35 | |
| Equipment Rental & Sales Co., Monarch grousers | 184.00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, tractor registrations | 4.00 | |
| L. A. Harris, alcohol, battery and cable | 8.75 | |
| L. A. Harris, welding plow | 1.50 | |
| | | $1,698.05 |
| Unexpended | | 301.95 |

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $500.00 |
| County appropriation | 500.00 |
| State appropriation | 500.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | .40 |
| Total available | $1,500.40 |

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|---|---|---|
| John Peer, Supt. | $18.00 | |
| John Peer, pickup | 9.00 | |
| John Peer, truck | 41.25 | |
| John Peer, hone | 11.25 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 35.59 | |
| Theodore Peer, hone operator | 13.50 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 44.44 | |
| Norman Radwick, labor | 13.50 | |
| Richard Burnham | 12.38 | |
| Clifford Cannon, truck | 38.50 | |
| Joseph Abderhalden, truck | 92.38 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 38.50 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 37.00 | |
| Joseph Cormier, truck | 16.00 | |
| Town of New Marlboro, sand spreader | 11.25 | |
| Berkshire Gravel, 179.5 T grits | 179.50 | |
| Berkshire Gravel, 60.9 T sand | 36.54 | |
| American Tar Co., 6,150 gal tar | 795.57 | |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | 37.50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 18.75 | |
| | | $1,500.40 |

## CHAPTER 81

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $ 780.00 |
| State Appropriation | | 11,700.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | .84 |
| Total available | | $12,480.84 |
| John Peer, Supt. | $794.88 | |
| John Peer, pickup | 305.00 | |
| John Peer, truck | 504.26 | |
| John Peer, hone | 30.00 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 235.23 | |
| Theodore Peer, hone operator | 33.60 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 512.02 | |

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|---|---|
| Emil Schulze, labor | $774.01 |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 28.47 |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 666.28 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | 210.00 |
| Amos Gallant, labor | 42.00 |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 105.00 |
| Claude Goodell, labor | 115.08 |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 367.76 |
| Joseph Gallant, labor | 80.60 |
| Norman Radwick, labor | 419.24 |
| Arthur Hebert, truck | 336.38 |
| Alfred Labreque, labor | 24.00 |
| Howard Ryan, labor | 138.26 |
| Joseph Palfini, labor | 204.00 |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 3.50 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | 2.25 |
| Victor Spadaccini, truck | 176.00 |
| Henry Rock, labor | 20.30 |
| J. B. Kimberly, truck | 78.00 |
| Louis Blotz, labor | 19.88 |
| Louis Blotz, sweeper operator | 6.75 |
| Irving Fassell, labor | 24.15 |
| Joseph Fassell, labor | 23.10 |
| Town of Otis, Power Grader | 823.14 |
| Bernard Miner, grader operator | 281.26 |
| Bernard Miner, transportation | 68.00 |
| Town of Washington, hone | 6.50 |
| Town of New Marlboro, sand spreader | 23.26 |
| Town of Becket, hone | 10.50 |
| Town of Russell, compressor | 55.00 |
| Crane Service Co., crane | 717.75 |
| James Rock, labor | 36.00 |
| Fred Connor, compressor operator | 30.00 |
| Clifford Cannon, truck | 57.75 |
| Philip Raymond, blaster | 8.00 |
| Joseph Abderhalden, truck | 161.88 |
| Edward Murray, truck | 56.38 |

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| Ira Bates, power sweeper | $85.50 | |
| Joseph B. Blotz, labor | 266.58 | |
| Fred Connor, mowing | 160.00 | |
| Charles Wellspeak, labor | 96.61 | |
| Snyder's Express, power mower | 270.00 | |
| Philips Powers, labor | 26.40 | |
| Frank Howard, hardware, cross cut saw, material, 4 axes, 8 files | 23.85 | |
| Earl Levernoch, gravel, 1,488 yds. | 148.80 | |
| May Collalto, gravel, 1028 yds. | 102.80 | |
| Carr Hardware, brooms (2) | 4.00 | |
| Berger Metal Culvert Co., culvert | 250.78 | |
| L. P. Adams, cement, 8 bags | 6.00 | |
| Fred Schulze Co., 5 rakes | 6.75 | |
| Berkshire Mill Supply, 2 brooms | 2.25 | |
| Pierce & Son, cement, 11 bags | 8.25 | |
| Town of Becket, dynamite and exploders | 38.75 | |
| American Tar Co., tar, 12,758 gals. | 1,730.31 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand, 155.8 tons | 93.99 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., grits, 287.4 tons | 239.70 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 1″ stone, 14,700 lbs. | 7.35 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., Bergraco, 62 tons | 279.00 | |
| Pierson Hardware, shovels, six | 10.50 | |
| L. A. Harris, welding scythes (2) | 1.75 | |
| Jacob Zeitler, scythe bolts and repairs | 5.50 | |
| | | $12,480.84 |

## CHAPTER 90—BLOTZ ROAD

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $1,000.00 |
| County appropriation | 1,000.00 |
| State appropriation | 2,000.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | 2.19 |
| Total available | $4,002.19 |

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| John Peer, Supt. | $142.75 |
| John Peer, pickup | 63.00 |
| John Peer, truck | 101.75 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | 36.00 |
| Amos Gallant, labor | 25.20 |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 18.00 |
| A. W. Tyron, truck | 104.00 |
| Hans Jahn, truck | 104.00 |
| Claude Kimberly, truck | 104.00 |
| Joseph Gallant, labor | 25.20 |
| Joseph Abderhald, truck | 77.00 |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 65.25 |
| Abby Abderhald, truck | 120.00 |
| Claude Goodell, labor | 25.20 |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 231.00 |
| Claude Goodell, lumber | 30.00 |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 98.55 |
| Norman Radwick, labor | 34.65 |
| Berkshire Gravel, concrete | 48.56 |
| Earl Levernoch, gravel | 100.10 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, resawing lumber | 1.00 |
| Petricco Construction Co., concrete | 106.39 |
| Irving Fassell, labor | 25.20 |
| Joseph Fassell, labor | 25.20 |
| Leo Nash, steel | 13.20 |
| Henry Rock, labor | 25.20 |
| Berkshire Lumber Co., roll Kraft paper | 1.50 |
| Berger Culvert Co., culvert | 263.58 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 97.20 |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 162.90 |
| Town of Otis, power grader | 176.26 |
| Bernard Miner, grader operator | 70.51 |
| Bernard Miner, transportation | 10.38 |
| Joseph Gillett, lumber | 18.86 |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 101.00 |
| Ray Bliven, labor | 16.59 |
| Ray Bliven, blaster | 33.19 |

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| Ray Bliven, dynamite | $139.69 | |
| Crane Service, crane | 758.25 | |
| Arthur Kimberly, helper | 18.00 | |
| Henry Wolfer, helper | 28.80 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 22.00 | |
| Dominick Cardillo, truck | 88.00 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., flashing, nails | 5.68 | |
| Charles Wellspeak, labor | 64.80 | |
| Edward Klein, carpenter | 174.60 | |
| | | $4,002.19 |

RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | $6,002.04 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 2,568.91 |
| Welfare | 247.14 |
| Discount on Note | 68.25 |
| Machinery | 4.60 |
| Bridges | 462.96 |
| Snow Fence | 484.40 |
| Forest Warden | 12.60 |
| Soldiers' Relief | 120.00 |
| Old Age Administration | 35.25 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 113.28 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 85.77 |
| Officer's Bonds | 25.25 |
| Cemeteries | 75.00 |
| War Memorial | 597.00 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 25.00 |
| Gypsy Moth Control | 6.00 |
| Chapter 90 | 4,002.19 |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance | 1,500.40 |
| Chapter 81 | 12,480.84 |
| Town Officers | 823.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Miscellaneous | $436.47 | |
| Snow Removal | 1,698.05 | |
| Celebration, Men and Women World War II | 293.50 | |
| Becket Fire Department | 100.00 | |
| | | $32,267.90 |

HARRY C. SHAW,
C. A. R. SIMMONS,
JOHN H. CAMPBELL, JR.

Board of Selectmen

# Treasurer's Report

## RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1946 | | $19,841.76 |
| 1944 Property tax | $20.42 | |
| 1945 Poll tax | 4.00 | |
| 1945 Excise tax | 35.79 | |
| 1945 Property tax | 824.96 | |
| 1946 Poll tax | 98.00 | |
| 1946 Excise tax | 560.21 | |
| 1946 Property | 5,447.65 | |
| Interest on taxes | 27.79 | |
| | | 7,018.82 |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant | $2,063.12 | |
| Old Age Administration | 68.75 | |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 2,419.29 | |
| Income tax | 1,511.50 | |
| Massachusetts School Fund, Part II | 1,325.53 | |
| School Superintendent | 378.75 | |
| Vocational Education | 216.07 | |
| High School Transportation | 1,515.96 | |
| High School Tuition | 1,756.00 | |
| Department of Public Welfare (Division of Child Guardianship, transportation and tuition) | 483.28 | |
| Old Age Reimbursements from other Towns | 86.05 | |
| County Dog Refund | 81.59 | |
| Phillip Raymond, use of tractor | 5.60 | |
| Sale of Ambulance | 75.00 | |
| Note, Highway loan | 11,700.00 | |
| Veterans' Aid and Pension | 100.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Loss of taxes | $3,188.83 | |
| Selectmen's Licenses | 506.00 | |
| Payroll Deduction, withholding tax | 749.00 | |
| Tax title redemption | 28.91 | |
| Interest and Costs | 6.30 | |
| Release Deed | 3.00 | |
| Highways, Chapter 719 | 2,666.85 | |
| Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance, State | 500.00 | |
| Highways, Chapter 90 Maintenance, County | 500.00 | |
| Highways Chapter 90, New Construction, County | 1,000.00 | |
| Highways, Chapter 90 New Construction, State | 2,000.00 | |
| Highways, Chapter 81 | 11,411.55 | |
| Hone Earnings | 6.50 | |
| Dog Licenses | 118.20 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, Federal | 614.90 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, State | 626.33 | |
| Division of Live Stock | 3.00 | |
| Corporation Tax | 362.39 | |
| District Court | 75.00 | |
| Refund on Insurance, Workmen's | 53.37 | |
| Meal tax, Old Age Assistance | 156.80 | $48,363.42 |
| Total receipts | | $75,224.00 |

## EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|---|
| Selectmen's Orders | $32,267.90 |
| School | 9,766.51 |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 685.00 |
| County Treasurer, Dog Licenses | 118.20 |
| State Tax | 150.00 |
| County Tax | 503.47 |
| Tax Refunds | 10.26 |

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|---|---|---|
| State Parks | $13.90 | |
| Berkshire County Mosquito Control | 36.30 | |
| Note | 11,700.00 | |
| State Audit | 164.68 | |
| | | $55,416.22 |
| Cash in Bank | $14,033.39 | |
| Cash on hand | 5,774.39 | |
| | | $19,807.78 |
| | | $75,224.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Pittsfield National Bank, | | |
| Balance, Dec. 31, 1946, as per statement | | $17,115.73 |
| Balance Dec. 31, as per Check Book | $14,033.39 | |
| Outstanding checks as per list Dec. 31, 1946 | 3,082.34 | |
| | | $17,115.73 |

CASSEUS A. R SIMMONS,

Treasurer.

# Town Clerk's Report

## DOG LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male, 33 @ $2.00 | $66.00 | |
| Spayed Females, 14 @ $2.00 | 28.00 | |
| Females, 7 @ $5.00 | 35.00 | |
| | | $129.00 |
| Fees retained | | 10.80 |
| Payment to Treasurer | | $118.20 |

## SPORTING LICENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident citizens' fishing 15 @ $2.00 | $30.00 | |
| Resident citizens' hunting 18 @ $2.00 | 36.00 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting 17 @ $3.25 | 55.25 | |
| Resident citizens' minor and female fishing 8 @ $1.25 | 10.00 | |
| Resident citizens' minor trapping, 1 @ $2.25 | 2.25 | |
| Resident citizens' trapping, 3 @ $5.25 | 15.75 | |
| Special non-resident fishing, 4 @ $1.50 | 6.00 | |
| Resident citizens' sporting, free | | $155.25 |
| Fees retained | | 16.50 |
| Paid Division of Fisheries and Game | | $138.75 |

## DEATHS RECORDED

Jan. 10, 1946 Frederick R. Willey, age 81

Jan. 11, 1946 Monemia Meacham, age 86

Feb. 27, 1946 Ellen Roxanna Meagher, age 83

Mar. 2, 1946 Bridgetta (O'Brien) Brophy, age 60

May 11, 1946 Lillian Marcanti Hauser, age 43

June 18, 1946 Anne Donnelly Campbell, age 72

July 9, 1946 Carrie (Eames) Gibbs, age 85

July 16, 1946 William A. Manning, age 89

Sept. 24, 1946 George W. Ende, age 79.

Oct. 12, 1946 Mary (Webb) Feley, age 87.

## MARRIAGES

Jan. 31, 1946 James H. Rock and Ethel Mae Burnham

May 4, 1946 James Andrew Roberts and Phyllis Madeline Gillette

June 27, 1946 Charles Albert Lane and Frances Harris Alexander

July 6, 1946 Archie J. DeAngelus and Emma J. Walden

Sept. 26, 1946 Henry Francis Hauser, and Florence G. (Lane) Knowles

## BIRTHS

Aug. 18, 1943 Diana Linda Lampro, daughter of Wilfred Lampro and Gertrude (Dunn) Lampro.

Feb. 25, 1946 Jerome Alexander Lampro, son of Wilfred Lampro and Gertrude (Dunn) Lampro.

May 23, 1946 Susan Gardner, daughter of Robert Welch Gardner and Vera (Evans) Gardner.

June 15, 1946 Gloria Arline Steeves, daughter of Wallace John Steeves and Margaret Ann Rita (Garbow) Steeves.

July 24, 1946 Robert Clinton Poillucci, son of Pasquale Poillucci and Rosabelle (Wood) Poillucci.

Aug. 27, 1946 Joanne Bridget Ryan, daughter of Howard Sargeant Ryan and Madeline Rita (Brophy) Ryan.

Nov. 22, 1946 Marjorie Elaine Burnham, daughter of George Newell Burnham and Dorothy Mae (Leighton) Burnham.

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
Town Clerk.

# Assessors' Report

Number of Persons Assessed:

| | Individuals | All Others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Personal Estate only | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| On Real Estate only | 88 | 3 | 91 |
| On Both Personal & R. E. | 17 | | 17 |
| | | | 114 |
| Number of Polls Assessed | | | 78 |

VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stock in Trade | $894.00 | |
| Machinery | 19,500.00 | |
| Live Stock | 4,895.00 | |
| Total Personal Estate | | $25,289.00 |

VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Land exclusive of buildings | $119,046.00 | |
| Buildings exclusive of land | 63,300.00 | |
| Total value of assessed real estate | | 182,346.00 |
| Total value of assessed estate | | $207,635.00 |

Tax rate per $1,000—$29.00

TAXES FOR STATE, AND TOWN PURPOSES, Including OVERLAY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On Personal Estate | $738.38 | |
| On Real Estate | 5,288.03 | |
| On Polls | 156.00 | |
| Total Taxes Assessed | | $6,177.41 |

## NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

| | |
|---|---|
| Horses (1 year, or over) | 24 |
| Neat Cattle (1 year or over) | 58 |
| Yearlings | 9 |
| Heifers | 17 |
| Sheep | 12 |
| Fowl | 1,455 |
| Number of Acres of Land Assessed | 13,337 |
| Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed | 91 |

## REAL ESTATE

| | Acres | Land Value | Buildings | Value | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall Right | ½ | 25 | Town Hall | 1,000 | 1,025 |
| | | | 2 Schools | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Part of Bennett Place | 6 | 100 | Garage | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 75 | | | 75 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| | | | | | $5,900 |

## RECAPITULATION

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total appropriation to be raised by taxation | | $24,175.49 | |
| Total appropriation to be taken from available funds: | | | |
| (a) in 1946 | $1,106.95 | | |
| (b) in 1945, since 1945 tax rate was set | 610.00 | 1,716.95 | |
| | | | $25,892.44 |

STATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State Tax | $150.00 | |
| State Parks & Reservations | 8.69 | |
| State Audit | 164.68 | |
| Mosquito Control | 36.30 | |
| | | 359.67 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| COUNTY | | 1945 Underestimate | |
| County Tax | $524.50 | $1.84 | $526.34 |
| Overlay | | | 302.00 |
| | | | $27,080.45 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS: | | |
| Income Tax | $1,246.04 | |
| Corporation Taxes | 269.81 | |
| Reimbursement on account of | | |
| State owned land | 3,188.83 | |
| Gasoline Tax | 2,666.85 | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise | 200.00 | |
| Licenses | 175.00 | |
| Charities | 2,000.00 | |
| Old Age Tax (Meals) | 112.09 | |
| Schools | 4,300.00 | |
| Interest: On Taxes and Assessments | 25.00 | |
| Total estimated Receipts | $14,183.62 | |
| Overestimates of Previous Year—State Parks | 2.47 | |
| Amounts voted to be taken from available funds: | | |
| $1,716.95 Approved April 9, 1946 | | |
| 5,000.00 Approved June 4, 1946 | | |
| $6,716.95 | $6,716.95 | |
| Total available funds | $6,719.42 | |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS | | 20,903.04 |
| NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON POLLS AND PROPERTY | | $6,177.41 |
| Number of Polls 78 @ $2.00 each | $156.00 | |
| Total Valuation: | | |
| Personal Property $25,289, Rate $29 | 733.38 | |
| Real Estate $182,346, Rate $29 | 5,288.03 | |
| TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS AND PROPERTY | | 6,177.41 |
| Tax Rate fixed on May 28, 1946 | | |

(SIGNED)

HARRY D. OLDS,
MARY BAACK,
ERNEST F. SCHULZE

# Tax Collector's Report

## 1944 Taxes as per 1945 Town Report

| | |
|---|---|
| Uncollected | $20.42 |
| Collected and paid in 1946 | 20.42 |

1944 Interest collected—$1.95

## 1945 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Property Taxes paid in 1945 | $5,570.53 | Real estate warrant | $5,642.96 |
| Abated propterty | 60.60 | Personal tax warrant | 831.73 |
| Cert. to Tax Title | 18.60 | Poll tax warrant | 166.00 |
| Collected and paid Treasurer in 1946 | 824.96 | | |
| Collected and paid poll taxes in 1945 | 100.00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes in 1945 | 58.00 | | |
| Collected and paid Treasurer in 1946 | 4.00 | | |
| Abated in 1946 | 2.00 | | |
| Uncollected | 2.00 | | |
| | $6,640.69 | | $6,640.69 |

## 1945 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer in 1945 | $220.97 | Excise warrants | $266.46 |
| Abated in 1946 | 3.56 | | |
| Paid Treasurer in 1946 | 35.79 | | |
| Uncollected | 6.14 | | |
| | $266.46 | | $266.46 |

1945 Interested collected in 1946—$23.12

## 1946 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer property taxes | $15,447.65 | R. E. warrant | $5,290.93 |
| Abated property | 66.70 | Personal tax warrant | 733.38 |
| Cert. to Tax Title | 17.40 | Poll tax warrant | 156.00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 50.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 98.00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 8.00 | | |
| Uncollected property taxes | 492.54 | | |
| Detailed taxes, less than per warrant | .02 | | |
| | $6,180.31 | | $6,180.31 |

## 1946 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer | $560.21 | Warrants | $592.16 |
| Uncollected | 31.95 | | |
| | $592.16 | | $592.16 |

1946 Interest collected—$2.72

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
Collector of Taxes.

# Financial Report of the School Committee

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $9,770.00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,552.32 | |
| Nellie Jo Madigan, teacher | 1,305.28 | |
| Massachusetts retirement | 191.30 | |
| Gladys Leasot, art supervisor | 129.03 | |
| Earl C. Suitor, Superintendent | 725.42 | |
| Superintendent expenses | 36.82 | |
| Rose Conley, school nurse | 37.80 | |
| Dr. Kurt Hirschmann | 50.00 | |
| Joseph Loehr, H. S. transp. | 319.20 | |
| C. A. Wallin, H. S. transp. | 1,240.80 | |
| Henry E. Rock, Sr., H. S. transp. | 46.20 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, H. S. transp. | 2.10 | |
| John Peer, local transp. | 1,318.75 | |
| City of Pittsfield, tuition | 1,611.00 | |
| Vocational school tuition | 199.30 | |
| Town of Becket, elem. tuition | 402.95 | |
| Textbooks | 58.09 | |
| Stationery supplies | 52.65 | |
| Janitor | 186.00 | |
| Fuel | 89.65 | |
| Light and Water | 21.71 | |
| Repairs | 150.59 | |
| Library | 13.60 | |
| Miscellaneous | 2.62 | |
| School Committee | 6.00 | |
| New equipment | 17.33 | |
| Total | $9,766.51 | |
| Unexpended | | $3.49 |

MAY SANDERSON, *Chairman*
BERTHA POMEROY,
VENICE J. ROCK,
School Committee.

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Washington:

Herewith is submitted my second report as Superintendent of your schools.

Mastery of the three R's is essential in modern life, and a larger part of school time is devoted to them than to anything else. This important part of the school work proceeds with little to distinguish it by. There is no substitute for hard work in attaining this mastery, but good teaching materials and equipment as well as guidance and good teaching are necessary aids. Mastery of the three R's is but the foundation of our education for the future of youth. We are seeking by every means available to provide pupils with a realistic understanding of the world today, to combat prejudice, bigotry, and intolerance, to inculcate the principles and practices of democracy, and we are striving to prepare worthy citizens of a world community.

Gloria Kelly and Claude Goodell were graduated from the Valley School last June. The exericses were well prepared and enjoyed in spite of the heat. The teachers had prepared a display of the school work. The project on China, which the primary room had developed was particularly interesting.

The Christmas program was presented as usual. As part of the seasonal activities, the older children made decorative greens.

Margaret Rock drew a fall scene on the front blackboard in the grammar room, and Jean Kelly drew the winter scene. Both of these pictures were well done and added to the appearance of the room.

## Repairs

Painting of the building was postponed again this year as we didn't wish to spend the money on this building if a new one was to be built soon.

The expense incurred due to frozen water pipes was high. A new drain was installed under the road which will now permit the water to run off more satisfactorily. We hope to avoid more frozen pipes. The water supply at the school has been very irregular.

Mr. Burnham kindly installed the new locks on the doors. These had been requested by the building inspector.

If the building of a new school is delayed, we will be obliged to spend more on repairs of this building.

## Financial

| | |
|---|---|
| Expenditures 1946 | $9,766.51 |
| Receipts 1946: | |

### Reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| General School Fund, Part 1 | $ 820.00 | |
| General School Fund, Part 2 | 1,325.53 | |
| High School Tuition | 1,756.00 | |
| High School Transportation | 1,515.96 | |
| State Ward, Tuition and Transportation | 483.28 | |
| Superintendent—Salary and Expenses | 378.75 | |
| Vocational School | 216.07 | |
| Total Reimbursement from the State | | $6,495.59 |
| Net Cost to Town of Washington for the Support of Schools | | $3,270.92 |

## Budget 1947

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Teachers' Salaries | $3,850.00 | |
| Textbooks | 75.00 | |
| Supplies | 100.00 | |
| Janitor | 190.00 | |
| Fuel | 175.00 | |
| Lights and Water | 25.00 | |
| Health | 85.00 | |
| Transportation Local | 1,400.00 | |
| High School Transportation | 1,400.00 | |
| Elementary Tuition | 720.00 | |
| High School Tuition | 2,050.00 | |
| Superintendent—Salary and Expenses | 950.00 | |
| New Equipment and Outlay | 100.00 | |
| Repairs | 200.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 25.00 | |
| Total | | $11,345.00 |

The increase in this budget over last year is due in part to increased costs in general, but chiefly to increases in salaries of school personnel. A part of the increase is due to a greater number going to the Becket School which necessitates more for elementary tuition and transportation.

## Enrollment October 1, 1946

| | Number Enrolled | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Teacher Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Mrs. Nellie Madigan | 10 | 4 | 8 | 4 | | | | |
| Mrs. Maude May | | | | | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| Becket School | 8 | | | | | | | |
| Pittsfield High School | 8 | | | | | | | |
| Pittsfield Vocational | 2 | | | | | | | |
| St. Joseph's High School | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Dalton High School | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Total Washington Pupils | 63 | | | | | | | |

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the excellent spirit and cooperation extended by the School Committee and the school personnel in carrying on the work of the school. We are thankful that we are able to maintain these educational opportunities for the children of Washington, and hope that we may improve them as time goes on.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUITOR,
Superintendent of Schools.

# Report of Art Supervisor

Mr. Earl C. Suitor
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Sir:

The following is a report on the work in Art for the Town of Washington.

Free hand drawing, tracing, and hectograph work was carried on in the lower grades. In correlation with their geography work many drawings were made on China. With the help of their teacher, a beautiful sand table project was carried on. This represented the scene on the Blue Willow dishes.

The children in the Grammar room spent all of their art time on free hand drawing. Many good looking seasonal pictures were drawn. Blackboard landscapes in color were made by some of the children. These pictures showed a great deal of talent and effort on their part.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS F. LEASOT,
Supervisor of Art.

# Report of School Nurse

Washington Center School
Year of 1946

Mr. Earl C. Suitor
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Suitor:

The following report is submitted on health activities in the Center School. On Oct. 22, 1946 the annual physical examination were given by Dr. Herschmann of Pittsfield. The following defects were found:

| | |
|---|---|
| Dental cases | 11 |
| Enlarged glands | 2 |
| Enlarged tonsils | 5 |
| Tonsillectomys recommended | 3 |
| Anemic cases | 2 |
| Eye cases | 1 |

October 22, 1946—Diphtheria immunization clinic started for pre-school and school children. This clinic was sponsored by the parents who were very cooperative in making the clinic a success.

Mrs. Edith Wagner deserves a great deal of credit as she and some co-workers really established the clinic and made all necessary arrangements which takes considerable time.

The number of children who attended were 33.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number having Schick tests | 6 |
| Positive Schick tests | 2 |
| No. of Pre-School children | 11 |
| Bumper dose of Toxoid | 1 |
| Immunized | 15 |

Thanking Dr. Herschmann, Mrs. Wagner, parents, and children for a very successful clinic.

Sincerely,

ROSE K. CONLEY, S.N.

# Report of an Audit

December 16, 1946

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Harry C. Shaw, Chairman
Washington, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from November 14, 1945 to November 9, 1946, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
Director of Accounts.

FXL:GEM

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from November 14, 1945, the date of the previous examination, to November 9, 1946, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as entered on the records of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which

is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 9, 1946.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on November 9, 1946 was proved by actual count of cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the depository.

The tax title register in custody of the town treasurer was analyzed and checked with the tax title deeds on file and with the accounts of the tax collector.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue were verified with the selectmen's warrants and with the cancelled checks on file, and the balance in the general treasury on November 9, 1946 was proved.

The payments on account of highway reimbursement loans and interest were compared with the amounts falling due during the period covered by the audit and with cancelled securities and checks on file.

The records of charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were compared with the payrolls of the highway department. The recorded collections were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the records of licenses issued. The payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand on November 9, 1946 was proved by actual count.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the fixing of the 1946 tax rate.

The transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorization for transfers voted by the selectmen.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The collections as recorded were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted. The outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash balance on November 9, 1946 was proved by actual count of cash in the office.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

Attention is again called to Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, which requires the collector to pay over to the treasurer, once in each week or oftener, all money received by him during the preceding week or lesser period on account of taxes and interest.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, tax collector, and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts for licenses and permits issued by the selectmen were checked with the records of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The recorded receipts for the sealing and adjusting of weights and measures were checked with the record of fees charged, and the payments to the treasurer were proved.

The records of bills sent out for collection by the public welfare department, including the bureau of old age assistance, were examined and checked. The departmental records of charges were analyzed, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements and dis-

allowances were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconcillation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from the several town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

HBD:GEM.

# Town of Washington

**Balance Sheet—November 9, 1946**

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | $19,236.77 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1944, | $20.42 | |
| Levy of 1945, | 198.39 | |
| Levy of 1946, | 5,985.97 | |
| | | 6,204.78 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1945, | $8.14 | |
| Levy of 1946, | 259.42 | |
| | | 267.56 |
| Tax Titles, | | 81.55 |
| Aid to Highways: | | |
| State, | $4,624.86 | |
| County, | 1,500.00 | |
| | | 6,124.86 |
| Estimated Receipts, to be collected | | 2,080.54 |

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loan:—In Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | $11,700.00 |
| Federal Withholding Tax-Payroll—Deductions, | | 89.90 |
| State Parks and Reservations Tax, | | 8.69 |
| Auditing Municipal Accounts, Assessment, | | 164.68 |
| Mosquito Control Assessment, | | 36.30 |
| County Tax—Overestimate, | | 21.03 |
| Dog Licenses—Due County, | | 45.00 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | 138.41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | 677.71 |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | |
| Assistance, | $217.82 | |
| Administration, | 114.62 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children: | | |
| Assistance, | 48.47 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | | 380.91 |
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances, | | 7,163.38 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 1,164.24 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1944, | $20.42 | |
| Levy of 1945, | 136.13 | |
| Levy of 1946, | 176.58 | |
| | | 333.13 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, | $267.56 | |
| Tax Title, | 81.55 | |
| | | 349.11 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | |
| Prior Years, | $1,720.69 | |
| Current Year, | 2.88 | 11,723.57 |
| | | $33,996.06 |

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## TOWN WARRANT

### February 9, 1948

Polls will open at 10 A. M. and may close at 2 P. M. The bus iness meeting will open at 1 P. M.

**Art. 1**—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2**—To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers: one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor for two years, one School Committeeman, one Assessor, and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3**—To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense of any suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 4**—To hear the reports of the various Town Officers, and to act thereon.

**Art. 5**—To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $12,240.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote relating thereto.

**Art. 6**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning January 1st, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, chapter 44, the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 7**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,594.49 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 8**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 for Gypsy Moth control work as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 132.

**Art. 9**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $89.00 for Pension Fund and Expense Fund as required by the Berkshire County Retirement Board and ordered by The Berkshire County Commissioners January 2, 1948.

**Art. 10**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $36.00 for tax titles.

**Art. 11**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to repair the Town Hall.

**Art. 12**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to repair the Town Shed on the Pittsfield Road.

**Art. 13**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to raze the sheds at the Town Garage and erect one at the rear of the Town Garage.

**Art. 14**—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the Red School House and its land on the Pittsfield Road or take any action relating thereto.

**Art. 15**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up the amount of $5,000.00 from surplus revenue funds towards the reduction of its 1948 tax rate.

**Art. 16**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the control of the Dutch Elm Disease.

**Art. 17**—To see if the Town will vote to direct the Town Clerk to petition the Board of Standards to propose regulations relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings and other structures for the Town of Washington.

**Art. 18**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for Eden Glen Pond.

**Art. 19**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for the Sons and Daughters Annual Reunion.

**Art. 20**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for expenses for Tree Warden.

**Art. 21**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Agent of the Public Welfare, Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children and raise and appropriate $75.00 for his services as said Agent.

**Art. 22**—To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended. All salaries to be effective as of January 1st, 1948.

| | |
|---|---|
| Town Clerk | $ 50 00 |
| Town Treasurer | 150 00 |
| Chairman of Board of Selectmen | 150 00 |
| Second Member of Board of Selectmen | 50 00 |
| Third Member of Board of Selectmen | 50 00 |
| Tax Collector | 150 00 |
| Auditor | 25 00 |
| Chairman of Assessors | 50 00 |
| Second Member of Assessors (Clerk) | 60 00 |
| Third Member of Assessors | 30 00 |
| Tree Warden | 25 00 |
| School Committee (Chairman) | 10 00 |
| School Committee (Clerk) | 50 00 |
| School Committee (3rd member) | 10 00 |

**Art. 23**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations) Maintenance of Highways, (Chapter 81) $780.00 (Chapter 90, Blotz Road) $900.00. (Chapter 90, Maintenance) $500.00. Snow Removal $2500.00. Bridges, $400. Appointed Officers, $100.00. Miscellaneous, $500.00. Tree Warden, $25.00. Officers' Bonds $30.00. Discount on Notes, $100.00. Forest Warden, $100.00. Old Age Assistance, $4000.00. Aid to Dependent Children, $2800.00. Public Welfare, $500.00. Cemetery, $100.00. Snow Fence, $500.00. Becket Fire Department, $100.00. Insurance on Buildings, $90.00. Soldier's Relief, $300.00. Board of Health, $50.00. Reserve Account, $274.00. Workmen's Compensation, $270.42.

**Art. 24**—To choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark, Sextons and Constables.

**Art. 25**—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

## TOWN OFFICERS IN 1947

### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER
C. A. R. Simmons

### SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1947 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1948 |
| Harry C. Shaw, *Chairman* | Term expires 1949 |

### ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Mary Baack | Term expires 1947 |
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1948 |
| Harry D. Olds, *Chairman* | Term expires 1949 |

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Venice J. Rock | Term expires 1947 |
| May S. Sanderson, *Chairman* | Term expires 1948 |
| Bertha Pomeroy | Term expires 1949 |

### TREE WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

### AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR
Marguerite E. Schulze

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Selectmen

## APPOINTEES

### FOREST WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

### INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

| | |
|---|---|
| Ernest Schulze | Joseph N. Blotz |

FIELD DRIVERS

John L. Peer C. A. R. Simmons Ernest Schulze

POUND KEEPER

C. A. R. Simmons

CONSTABLES

George H. Davenport C. A. R. Simmons Henry Rock
Louis Sheehan Amos Gallant

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

David Watson

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER

Harry D. Olds

FENCE VIEWERS

John Campbell, Sr. Carl H. Peer David Watson

SEXTON

George N. Burnham

MOTH INSPECTOR

Ernest Schulze

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

Amos Gallant

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1947 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting February 10, 1947. Raised and Appropriated

| | |
|---|---|
| School | $11,345 00 |
| Gypsy Moth | 94 00 |
| Tax Titles | 36 00 |
| Chapter 81 | 780 00 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 500 00 |
| Chapter 90 Construction | 1,000 00 |
| Snow Removal | 2,000 00 |
| Bridges | 600 00 |
| Town Officers | 900 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 500 00 |
| Tree Warden | 50 00 |
| Officer's Bonds | 30 00 |
| Discount on Notes | 40 00 |
| Forest Warden | 100 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 4,200 00 |
| Public Welfare | 1,500 00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 2,500 00 |
| Cemeteries | 75 00 |
| Snow Fence | 500 00 |
| Town of Becket (Fire Protection) | 100 00 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 90 00 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 183 02 |
| Soldier's Relief | 500 00 |
| Eden Glen | 25 00 |
| Board of Health | 50 00 |
| Lights for Town Hall | 50 00 |
| Reserve Account | 275 00 |
| | $28,023 02 |
| Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,108.85 from Machinery Fund for Machinery Maintenance Account | 1,108 85 |
| | $29,131 87 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation, Annual Town Meeting | | $4,200 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,677 14 |
| U. S. Grant carried over from 1946 | | 612 37 |
| Total Available | | $7,489 51 |
| Payroll: | | |
| January 15 to 31 | $281 75 | |
| February 1 to 15 | 228 90 | |
| February 15 to 28 | 301 33 | |
| March 1 to 15 | 228 90 | |
| March 15 to 31 | 314 70 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 259 00 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 260 10 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 259 00 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 279 63 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 259 00 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 276 50 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 276 50 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 279 00 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 276 50 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 258 00 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 261 30 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 281 25 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 305 45 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 311 23 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 268 35 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 701 75 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 268 35 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 270 20 | |
| January 1 to 15 | 268 70 | |
| | | $6,975 39 |
| Unexpended | | $514 12 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,500 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 999 00 |
| U. S. Grant carried over from 1946 | | 8 62 |
| Transferred at Special Town Meeting | | $3,507 62 |
| From Welfare account, 11-18-47 | | 400 00 |
| From Surplus Funds, 11-18-47 | | 200 00 |
| Total Available | | $4,107 62 |
| Payroll: | | |
| January 1 to 15 | $ 83 80 | |
| January 15 to 31 | 101 30 | |
| February 1 to 15 | 83 80 | |
| February 15 to 28 | 111 55 | |
| March 1 to 15 | 83 80 | |
| March 15 to 31 | 183 00 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 159 45 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 162 45 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 159 45 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 181 70 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 159 45 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 167 45 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 159 45 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 159 45 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 159 45 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 162 45 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 172 90 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 175 90 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 172 90 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 209 93 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 161 20 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 189 70 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 161 20 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 168 35 | |
| | | $3,690 08 |
| Unexpended | | $417 54 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $183 02 |
| M. D. E. Tower, premium on policy | | $183 02 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $90 00 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., insurance on Town Hall, school, garage, machinery, weights, measures and balances | | $89 82 |
| Unexpended | | $ 18 |

## TOWN OF BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Town of Becket | | $100 00 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $30 00 |
| C. D. Hebb, Town Clerk Bond | $5 00 | |
| C. D. Hebb, Town Treasurer's Bond | 7 50 | |
| Mass. Bond & Ins. Co., Tax Collector's Bond | 7 25 | |
| | | $19 75 |
| Unexpended | | $10 25 |

## CEMETERIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $75 00 |
| George Burnham, Sexton | | $75 00 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended 1946 balance | | $119 38 |
| U. S. Grant, 1947 | | 89 61 |
| Total Available | | $208 99 |
| Dorothy Durant, Envelopes | $16 86 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., postage, mileage, telephone | 10 75 | |
| | | 27 61 |
| Unexpended | | $181 38 |

## TAX TITLES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $36 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | | $ 5 00 |
| Unexpended | | $31 00 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $50 00 |
| E. R. Squibb & Sons, rabies vaccine | | 4 00 |
| Unexpended | | $46 00 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $1500 00 |
| Greater Boston Community Council Social Service Index | $ 3 00 | |
| Case No. 66 | 713 44 | |
| Case No. 67 | 75 65 | |
| | | $792 09 |
| Unexpended for Welfare | | $707 91 |
| Transferred to Aid Dependent Children | | 400 00 |
| Balance Unexpended | | $307 91 |

## EDEN GLEN POND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $25 00 |
| John Alfonso, Sign | | 5 00 |
| Unexpended | | $20 00 |

## TREE WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $50 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | $2 00 | |
| Emil Schulze | 2 00 | |
| | | $ 4 00 |
| Unexpended | | $46 00 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, storing and caring for equipment | $5 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, issuing 15 permits | 1 65 | |
| | | 6 65 |
| Unexpended | | $93 35 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $900 00 |
| Marie Peer, ballot clerk | $ 3 00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, ballot clerk | 3 00 | |
| David Watson, ballot clerk | 3 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, salary selectman, town clerk and treasurer | 225 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, 2 registrations | 4 00 | |
| Harry D. Olds, salary assessor | 50 00 | |
| Mary Baack, salary assessor and clerk | 60 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, salary assessor | 30 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, salary, tax collector | 150 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, salary selectman | 125 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, inspector of animals | 35 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, inspector slaughtering | 10 00 | |
| May Sanderson, school committee | 5 00 | |
| Bertha Pomeroy, school committee | 5 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., selectman | 75 00 | |
| Venice Rock, school committee secretary | 50 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, registration | 2 00 | |
| Archie Daigle, sealer weights and measures | 20 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, inspector slaughtering | 4 00 | |
| | | $859 00 |
| Unexpended | | $41 00 |

## TOWN HALL LIGHTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $50 00 |
| Transferred from surplus funds at special town meeting 8/22/47 | | $75 00 |
| Total Available | | $125 00 |
| L. R. Lacatel, material and labor | | $125 00 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $275 00 |
| Snow removal | $183 34 | |
| Chapter 90 | 13 | |
| | | $183 47 |
| Unexpended | | $91 53 |

## SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $2,000 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | 183 34 |
| Total Available | | $2,183 34 |
| Amos Gallant, tractor operator | $202 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck plow | 610 00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 16 51 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., gasoline | 128 92 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck sanding | 143 05 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 56 53 | |
| George H. Davenport, gas and oil | 12 62 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 40 85 | |
| Ernest Schulze, tractor operator | 19 13 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 57 73 | |
| John Peer, truck plow | 595 00 | |
| John Peer, truck sanding | 31 63 | |
| L. H. Harris, charge battery | 1 00 | |
| Levernoch Bros., oil and grease | 36 05 | |
| Arthur Smith, repair generator | 4 50 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Milton Motors, Monarch Tractor parts | $ 7 71 | |
| Miner's Garage, labor on tractor | 6 55 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand | 71 65 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 3 30 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 28 88 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 42 49 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., fan belt | 1 96 | |
| L. P. Adams, road salt | 95 28 | |
| | | $2,183 34 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $1,108 85 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $17 25 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 5 50 | |
| Smith Service, repair tractor starter | 12 78 | |
| Detroit Supply Co., tractor parts | 10 70 | |
| Maine Steel Co., tractor shoes and point | 62 94 | |
| Carr Hdw. Co., bolts, nuts and torch | 12 85 | |
| May Auto Parts, repair hydraulic pump | 15 50 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor on tractor | 13 20 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor on tractor | 6 60 | |
| Berkshire Wallpaper Co., paint and oil for tractor | 6 50 | |
| Donald Besancom, turpentine and cord | 5 25 | |
| Socony Vacuum Co., gas for cleaning | 3 10 | |
| L. A. Harris, bolts, brace and rod | 4 90 | |
| L. A. Harris, welding throttle and parts | 8 50 | |
| | | $185 57 |
| Unexpended | | $923 28 |

CHAPTER 81

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $ 780 00 |
| State Appropriation | | 11,700 00 |
| Total Available | | $12,480 00 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $1,292 90 | |
| Amos Gallant, Pickup | 560 62 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 723 95 | |
| Ralph Radwich, labor | 46 20 | |
| Charles Wood, labor | 1 03 | |
| Charles Jenks | 264 83 | |
| Richard Burnham | 714 47 | |
| Leo Collalto | 518 11 | |
| John Peer, truck | 340 15 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 325 26 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 262 34 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 41 25 | |
| James Rock, labor | 6 60 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 89 10 | |
| Crane Service, crane | 506 00 | |
| Arthur Hebert, crane | 429 75 | |
| Arthur Hebert, truck | 22 10 | |
| Albert Disanto, truck | 61 63 | |
| Great Barrington, crane | 70 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 288 55 | |
| Claude Goodell, crane helper | 31 00 | |
| Town of Otis, grader | 774 00 | |
| Bernard Miner, grader operator | 258 00 | |
| Bernard Miner, transportation | 43 01 | |
| Joseph Palfini, truck | 188 70 | |
| Edward Murray, Jr., truck | 210 25 | |
| Joseph Furlong, truck | 187 00 | |
| Victor Spadini, truck | 215 90 | |
| Donald Besancon, truck | 139 20 | |
| Claude Kimberly, truck | 149 60 | |
| Robert Walsh, truck | 17 00 | |

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|---|---|
| William Cullet, truck | $ 13 60 |
| Nicholas Gregoski, truck | 163 20 |
| John Peer, hone | 27 20 |
| Theodore Peer, hone operator | 8 00 |
| Anthony Consoline, truck | 66 30 |
| Fred Loring, sander | 14 63 |
| Norbert Wagner, power mower | 219 00 |
| Carl Peer, Jr., labor | 8 25 |
| Roy Gordon, labor | 6 60 |
| Robert Powell, labor | 19 80 |
| Fred Connor, Jr., truck | 23 20 |
| Robert Smalley, labor | 19 80 |
| Frank Howard, 3 axes | 8 94 |
| Frank Howard, 3 scythes | 7 05 |
| Frank Howard, 1 axe | 2 85 |
| Frank Howard, 1 axe | 2 98 |
| Frank Howard, 6 shovels | 13 50 |
| Frank Howard, 6 brooms, 6 rakes | 25 20 |
| Leon Harris, welding scythe | 75 |
| Leon Harris, repairing sander | 4 00 |
| Leon Harris, cut and bend 12 bolts | 1 75 |
| Donald Besancon, 5 scythe bolts | 1 25 |
| Donald Besancon, 10 files | 4 50 |
| Donald Besancon, 2 gal. white paint | 10 70 |
| Donald Besancon, 2 gal. black paint | 6 20 |
| Donald Besancon, 2 T brushes | 6 00 |
| Donald Besancon, 2 hammer handles | 1 70 |
| Joseph Ballou, 1 wedge | 60 |
| Carr Hardware Co., 3 scythes | 6 08 |
| Carr Hardware Co., 3 whetstones | 95 |
| Carr Hardware Co., 12 files | 2 92 |
| Carr Hardware Co., assorted bolts | 2 66 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 17,400 lbs. sand | 6 09 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 130 3/10 Tons sand | 91 21 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 274 tons, 50 lbs. grits | 369 98 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 9800 lbs. stone | 5 39 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 52 tons Bergraco | 247 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| American Tar Co., 11,954 gal. tar | $1,840 91 | |
| Leona Fassell, 1500 gravel | 150 00 | |
| Earl Levernoch, 200 gravel | 20 00 | |
| Ray Bliven, dynamite and caps | 23 00 | |
| W. S. Moulthrop, 12 axes | 15 00 | |

CHAPTER 81, SNOW ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $108 68 | |
| Amos Gallant, Pickup | 5 50 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 70 96 | |
| Ralph Radwich, labor | 5 78 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 34 25 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 7 43 | |
| | | 12,479 84 |
| Unexpended | | 16 |

CHAPTER 90

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation—Town of Washington | | $1,000 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 1,000 00 |
| State | | 2,000 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | 13 |
| Total Available | | $4,000 13 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $119 60 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 52 00 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 25 20 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 32 40 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 25 20 | |
| James Rock, labor | 21 60 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 32 40 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 21 60 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 68 40 | |
| Arthur Hebert, crane | 506 75 | |
| Arthur Hebert, truck | 23 80 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 203 00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| John Peer, truck | $126 15 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 150 50 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 179 80 | |
| Albert Disanto, truck | 282 63 | |
| Joseph Furlong, truck | 231 20 | |
| Robert Walsh, truck | 314 50 | |
| William Cullet, truck | 244 80 | |
| Joseph Palfini, truck | 251 60 | |
| Victor Spadini, truck | 249 90 | |
| D. Besancon, truck | 156 60 | |
| Charles Houtaling, truck | 5 80 | |
| Claude Kimberly, truck | 142 80 | |
| Nicholas Gregoski, truck | 129 20 | |
| Earl Levernoch, 4027 yards gravel | 402 70 | |
| | | $4,000 13 |

## CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation—Town of Washington | | $500 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 500 00 |
| State | | 500 00 |
| Total Available | | $1,500 00 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $ 29 90 | |
| Amos Gallant, Pickup | 13 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 17 33 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 17 33 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 17 33 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 18 15 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 17 33 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 41 93 | |
| Joseph Furlong, truck | 66 30 | |
| Edward Murray | 56 55 | |
| Victor Spadini, truck | 39 10 | |
| Joseph Palfini, truck | 66 30 | |
| Anthony Consoli, truck | 66 30 | |
| John Peer, truck | 29 00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| John Peer, hone | $ 40 80 | |
| Theodore Peer, hone operator | 12 00 | |
| Fred Loring, sander | 15 00 | |
| American Tar Co., 4,484 gal. tar | 690 54 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 182 ton 100 lbs. grits | 245 77 | |
| | | 1,499 96 |
| Unexpended | | 04 |

## SNOW FENCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $500 00 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $83 95 | |
| Amos Gallant, Pickup | 36 50 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 73 43 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 19 80 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 6 60 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 51 30 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 60 23 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 29 70 | |
| D. Besancon & Son, 35 lbs. nails | 7 00 | |
| Fred Schulze, Roll of Wire | 6 50 | |
| Robert Smalley, labor | 83 | |
| Robert Powell, labor | 7 43 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 16 50 | |
| Louis Blotz, labor | 2 48 | |
| | | $402 25 |
| Unexpended | | $97 75 |

## BRIDGES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $600 00 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $62 10 | |
| Amos Gallant, Pickup | 27 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 44 55 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 13 20 | |

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|---|---|---|
| D. Besancon & Son, paint, cement and nails | $ 11 05 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 31 35 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 18 15 | |
| Richard Brandt, 1068 ft. plank | 90 78 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 24 75 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 6 60 | |
| Carl Peer, Jr., labor | 14 85 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 15 20 | |
| L. A. Harris, cutting bridge rails | 10 00 | |
| L. A. Harris, iron rods, nuts and washers | 5 70 | |
| Petricca Construction Co., 13 cu. yds. cement | 139 75 | |
| Joseph Gillette, lumber 582 ft. | 34 92 | |
| | | $549 95 |
| Unexpended | | $50 05 |

## SOLDIER'S RELIEF

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $500 00 |
| Unexpended | $500 00 |

## GYPSY MOTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $94 00 |
| Unexpended | 94 00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $500 00 |
| Mass. Selectmen's Association dues 1947 | $ 10 00 | |
| Mass. Assessor's Association dues 1947 | 6 00 | |
| W. H. Shandoff, journal | 1 50 | |
| Mass. Collector's and Treasurer's Association dues 1947 | 2 00 | |
| David Watson, building fires town hall | 3 00 | |
| Boston & Albany R. R., express tractor parts | 5 19 | |
| Mass. Town Clerk's Association dues 1947 | 3 00 | |
| Pittsfield National Bank, checkbooks (2) printed | 4 09 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Boston & Albany R. R., rent of land | $ 1 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, postage | 7 92 | |
| John Corkhill, 4 safety signs | 8 00 | |
| Henry Rock, mileage, collecting dog tax | 4 88 | |
| Studley Press, 130 Town Reports 1946 | 178 20 | |
| The Village Press, 125 ballots, town meeting | 9 25 | |
| LeRoy E. Shaw, legal fee tax collect letter | 5 00 | |
| Barre Gazette, excise and poll tax forms | 11 47 | |
| R. H. Rankin, 34 R. E. Transfers | 34 00 | |
| Hobbs & Warren, Inc., record books and forms | 44 01 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, mileage, tel. and tel., and postage | 65 36 | |
| Dorothy Durant, Town Clerk, stamped envelopes | 16 86 | |
| M. D. E. Tower, blasting bond | 10 00 | |
| Western Massachusetts Electric Co., Town Hall and Town Garage lights | 11 25 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, mileage, phone and postage | 27 91 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, recording births, deaths and marriages | 9 00 | |
| Emil A. Schulze, labor and material on signs | 4 00 | |
| Emil A. Schulze, lock and labor on red schoolhouse | 1 17 | |
| Harry D. Olds, postage, tel. and mileage | 6 80 | |
| Mary Baack, mileage | 2 10 | |
| May Sanderson, telephones | 2 95 | |
| Venice J. Rock, telephone and postage | 1 69 | |
| Ernest Schulze, postage | 12 | |
| | | $497 72 |
| Unexpended | | $2 28 |

RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | $6,975 39 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 3,690 08 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 183 02 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 89 82 |
| Town of Becket Fire Department | 100 00 |
| Officer's Bonds | 19 75 |
| Cemeteries | 75 00 |
| Old Age Administration | 27 61 |
| Tax Titles | 5 00 |
| Board of Health | 4 00 |
| Public Welfare | 792 09 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 5 00 |
| Tree Warden | 4 00 |
| Forest Warden | 6 65 |
| Miscellaneous | 497 72 |
| Snow Removal | 2,183 34 |
| Machinery | 185 57 |
| Town Officers | 859 00 |
| Town Hall lights | 125 00 |
| Chapter 81 | 12,479 84 |
| Snow Fence | 402 25 |
| Bridges | 549 95 |
| Chapter 90 Blotz Road | 4,000 13 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 1,499 96 |
| | $34,760 17 |

HARRY C. SHAW
C. A. R. SIMMONS
JOHN H. CAMPBELL, JR.
*Board of Selectmen*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1947 | | $19,807 78 |
| 1946 Poll tax | $ 6 00 | |
| 1946 Excise tax | 27 67 | |
| 1946 Property tax | 485 73 | |
| 1947 Property tax | 6,093 53 | |
| 1947 Poll | 98 00 | |
| 1947 Excise tax | 742 00 | |
| Interest and Demands | 17 43 | |
| | | $7,470 36 |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant | $2,677 14 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Administration | 89 61 | |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 2,539 97 | |
| Old Age Reimbursements, other towns | 308 49 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, Federal Grant | 999 00 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, State | 959 94 | |
| County Dog refund | 96 51 | |
| Selectmen's Licenses | 610 00 | |
| Berkshire Retirement System | 70 67 | |
| Pay roll deductions, withholding tax | 1,010 60 | |
| School Fund, Part 2 | 1,559 20 | |
| Tuition of Children | 739 49 | |
| Tuition and transportation of wards | 427 46 | |
| Vocational education | 139 55 | |
| Temporary Aid and transportation | 910 11 | |
| Sale of town land | 50 00 | |
| Sale of land of low value | 285 00 | |
| Use of tractor | 9 35 | |
| Sealer of weights and measures, 1946, 1947 | 5 20 | |
| Income tax | 3,926 34 | |
| Corporation tax | 412 48 | |
| Meal tax, Old Age Assistance | 190 49 | |
| Division of Live stock, disease control | 17 50 | |
| District Court | 15 00 | |
| Chapter 90, new construction, County | 1,000 00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90, new construction, State | $2,000 00 | |
| Chapter 90, maintenance, County | 499 99 | |
| Chapter 90, maintenance, State | 499 99 | |
| Highway fund | 2,666 85 | |
| Chapter 81, for 1946 road work | 889 43 | |
| Chapter 81, for 1947 road work | 6,754 84 | |
| Dog Licenses | 114 00 | |
| | | $32,474 20 |
| | | $59,752 34 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Selectmen's Orders | $34,760 17 | |
| Schools | 10,918 94 | |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 954 90 | |
| County Treasurer, dog licenses | 114 00 | |
| State Tax | 150 00 | |
| County Tax | 493 93 | |
| State Audit | 153 62 | |
| State Parks | 10 15 | |
| Berkshire County Mosquito Control | 145 77 | |
| Berkshire Co. Retirement System | 70 67 | |
| | | $47,772 15 |
| Cash in Bank | $11,302 49 | |
| Cash on hand | 677 70 | |
| | | $11,980 19 |
| | | $59,752 34 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pittsfield National Bank | | |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1947, as per Statement | | $14,288 23 |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1947 as per check book | $11,302 49 | |
| Outstanding check as per list Dec. 31, 1947 | 2,985 84 | |
| | | $14,288 33 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Treasurer.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Dog Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male, 37 at $2.00 | $74 00 | |
| Female, 5 at $5.00 | 25 00 | |
| Spayed Females, 13 at $2.00 | 26 00 | |
| | $125 00 | |
| Fees retained | 11 00 | |
| Payment to Treasurer | | $114 00 |

### Sporting Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident citizen's Fishing, 12 at $2.00 | $24 00 | |
| Resident citizen's Hunting, 17 at $2.00 | 34 00 | |
| Resident citizen's Sporting, 15 at $3.25 | 48 75 | |
| Resident citizen Female and Minor Fishing, 9 at $1.25 | 11 25 | |
| Resident citizen's Trapping, 4 at $5.25 | 21 00 | |
| Non-Resident Citizen's Fishing, 1 at $5.25 | 5 25 | |
| Duplicate of Lost License, 1 at $ 50 | 50 | |
| Resident Citizen's Sporting and Trapping, 4 free | | |
| Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting, 2 free | | |
| | $144 75 | |
| Fees retained | 14 50 | |
| Paid Division of Fisheries and Game | | $130 25 |

### Deaths

1947

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Feb. | 21 | Stella Trudeau Methe, age 61 |
| April | 29 | John Fribley Curns, age 74 |
| May | 26 | Ethel Miller Couture, age 61 |
| May | 29 | Cornelia Reed Stone, age 80. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct. | 21 | Anna May Donahue, age 64 |
| Nov. | 11 | Nellie Smith, age 80 |
| Dec. | 1 | Earl Levernoch, age 64 |
| Dec. | 4 | Nellie Whitney Olds, age 71. |

## Marriages

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1947 | | |
| July | 19 | Andrew I. Methe and Mary Jane Rock |
| Sept. | 11 | Edwin Charles Drosehn and Kathleen Edna Sanderson |

## Births

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1946 | | |
| Nov. | 25 | Harry Thomas Sayers, Jr., son of Harry Thomas Sayers and Ethel Margaret Cameron Sayers. |
| Dec. | 21 | Linda Jean Elliot, daughter of Robert Gray Elliot and Louise Emeline Stone Elliot. |
| 1947 | | |
| Jan. | 12 | Edward James Rock, son of James Henry Rock and Ethel Mae Burnham Rock |
| Feb. | 16 | Cecilia Agnes Rock, daughter of Henry Earl Rock and Venice Jane Madru Rock. |
| Dec. | 5 | Rose Mary Gallant, daughter of Edward Joseph Gallant and Arlene F. Conley Gallant. |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Town Clerk.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

### RECAPITULATION

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Town: | | | |
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation | | $27,748 02 | |
| Total appropriations from available funds: | | | |
| (a) in 1947 | $17,083 85 | | |
| (b) Since 1946 tax rate was fixed | 1,200 00 | | |
| | | 18,283 85 | |
| | | | $46,031 87 |

State:

| | 1947 Estimate | 1946 Under-estimate | |
|---|---|---|---|
| State Tax | $ 150 00 | | |
| State parks and res. | 13 90 | $ 5 21 | |
| State audit | 153 62 | | |
| Mosquito control | 72 67 | 73 10 | |
| | $390 19 | $78 31 | |
| | | | 468 50 |
| County: | | | |
| County tax | $ 604 16 | | 604 16 |
| Overlay | | | 352 74 |
| | | | $47,457 27 |

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

| | |
|---|---|
| Income tax | $1,246 04 |
| Corporation taxes | 269 81 |
| Reimbursement public owned land | 3,587 25 |
| Gasoline tax | 2,666 85 |
| Motor Vehicle excise | 500 00 |
| Licenses | 500 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charities | $3,000 00 | | |
| Old Age tax (meals) | 137 50 | | |
| Schools | 5,000 00 | | |
| Interest on taxes | 25 00 | | |
| Supplemental Cherry Sheet May 6, 1947 | 358 04 | | |
| | | $17,290 49 | |
| Overestimates of previous year: | | | |
| County | $ 21 03 | | |
| Amounts voted to be taken from available funds: | | | |
| $16,900 app. 5/22/47 | | | |
| $ 1,383 85 app. 6/13/47 | | | |
| $ 5,000 app. 6/13/47 | 23,283 85 | | |
| Total available funds | | $23,304 88 | |
| Total estimated receipts and available funds | | | 40,595 37 |
| Net amount to be used by taxation | | | $ 6,861 90 |
| Number of polls 73. Poll tax | | | $146 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Valuation: | | | |
| Personal Property | $ 29,896 | P P. Tax | $ 956 67 |
| Real Estate | 179,976 | R. E. Tax $32 | 5,759 23 |
| Total | $209,872 | | $6,861 90 |

Tax rate fixed June 11, 1947

(Signed)

HARRY D. OLDS
MARY BAACK
ERNEST F. SCHULZE
*Assessors*

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

| No. of persons assessed | Individual | All others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On personal estate only | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| On real estate only | 78 | 7 | 85 |
| On both personal and real estate | 22 | 1 | 23 |
| | | | 120 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of polls assessed | | 73 |
| Value of assessed personal estate: | | |
| Stock in trade | $ 844 00 | |
| Machinery | 24,550 00 | |
| Live stock | 4,502 00 | |
| | | $29,896 00 |
| Value of assessed real estate: | | |
| Land exclusive of buildings | $118,591 00 | |
| Buildings exclusive of land | 61,385 00 | |
| | | $179,976 00 |
| | | $209,872 00 |
| Tax rate per $1000—$32.00 | | |
| Taxes for State, County and Town, including overlay: | | |
| On personal estate | $ 956 67 | |
| On real estate | 5,759 23 | |
| On polls | 146 00 | |
| | | $6,861 90 |
| Number of live stock assessed: | | |
| Horses | | 13 |
| Neat cattle | | |
| Cows | | 59 |
| Yearlings | | 16 |
| 2 years old | | 5 |
| Swine | | 2 |
| Sheep | | 17 |
| Fowl | | 1,151 |
| Number acres of land assessed | | 13,211 |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | | 86 |

## TOWN PROPERTY

| | Land | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Acres | Value | Buildings | Value | Total |
| Town Hall Right | ½ | $ 25 | Town Hall | $1,000 | $1,025 |
| | | | 2 Schools | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Part of Bennett Place | 6 | 100 | Garage | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 75 | | | 75 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| | | | | | $5,900 |

## 1947 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1945 Property and Poll Tax Report
Uncollected Poll Tax $2.00

1945 Excise Tax Report
Uncollected Excise Tax $6 14

1946 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1946 prop. taxes | $5,447 65 | Real Estate Warrant | $5,290 33 |
| Pd. Treas. in 1947 prop. taxes | 485 73 | Personal Warrant | 733 38 |
| Certified to Tax Title | 17 40 | Poll Tax | 156 00 |
| Abated Prop. Taxes 1946 | 66 70 | | |
| Abated Prop. Taxes 1947 | 2 90 | | |
| Poll Taxes abated | 50 00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes 1946 | 98 00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes 1947 | 6 00 | | |
| Uncollected poll tax | 2 00 | | |
| Uncollected per. prop. | 3 91 | | |
| Detailed taxes less than warrant | 02 | | |
| | $6,180 31 | | $6,180 31 |

1946 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1946 | $560 21 | Warrants | $592 16 |
| Pd. Treas. in 1947 | 27 67 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1947 | 4 28 | | |
| | $ 592 16 | | $592 16 |

1946 Int. and demand pd. in 1947 $15.98

1947 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. prop. taxes | $6,093 53 | Real Est. warrants | $5,759 23 |
| Certified to Tax Title | 16 00 | Personal warrants | 956 67 |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 606 37 | Poll tax warrants | 150 00 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 98 00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes | 40 00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 12 00 | | |
| | $6,865 90 | | $6,865 90 |

1947 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer | $742 00 | Excise warrants | $993 00 |
| Uncollected | 251 00 | | |
| | $993 00 | | |

1947 Int. collected $1.45

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
*Collector of Taxes*

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $11,345 00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,778 40 | |
| Nellie Jo Madigan, teacher | 1,650 16 | |
| Massachusetts Retirement | 220 83 | |
| Earl C. Suitor, Superintendent | 862 82 | |
| Superintendent's Expenses | 22 74 | |
| Rose Conley, School Nurse | 36 25 | |
| Dr. Kurt Hirshmann | 50 00 | |
| C. A. Wallin, High School Transportation | 1,168 20 | |
| H. E. Rock, Sr., High School Transportation | 121 10 | |
| George H. Davenport, H. S. Transportation | 48 30 | |
| John Peer, Local Transportation | 1,516 50 | |
| High School Tuition | 1,333 17 | |
| Junior High School Tuition | 126 40 | |
| Town of Dalton, High School Tuition | 251 80 | |
| Vocational Tuition, City of Pittsfield | 180 40 | |
| Town of Becket, Elementary Tuition | 650 50 | |
| Textbooks | 52 45 | |
| Stationery Supplies | 150 51 | |
| Janitor | 154 90 | |
| Fuel | 139 00 | |
| Light and Water | 14 61 | |
| Repairs | 341 26 | |
| Library | 13 69 | |
| Miscellaneous | 7 95 | |
| School Committee | 2 00 | |
| New Equipment | 25 00 | |
| | | $10,918 94 |
| Unexpended | | $426 06 |

MAY SANDERSON, *Chairman*
BERTHA POMEROY
VENICE J. ROCK, *Secretary*
*School Committee*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the citizens of Washington:

Herewith is submitted my third annual report as Superintendent of your schools.

The Washington Valley School is your school. You are vitally interested in its progress as it affects your children or the children of your neighbors. You wish to have a school which will aid in the preparation of the Washington children for citizenship and competition tomorrow, hoping that they will do a better job of it than our generation. You wish to have a school of which you are proud.

This is a typically American ideal which always has a realistic economic restriction. When the costs are thought of as expenses, there is a natural reluctance on the part of all of us to increase the burden, but when we realize that education is an investment, we are more willing to put money into it.

Here in Washington, we have accepted economic restrictions realistically and are trying to make the most of our investment.

Although a new school would be very desirable, the cost would be prohibitive today. It seems best to continue with the planning but to postpone construction until a more favorable time. With this conclusion reached, we are endeavoring to improve the physical condition and appearance of the present building. Quoting from a report by the Windsor School Committee of 1851, "A school house teaches nearly or quite as much as the teacher—" we find them nearly one hundred years ago thinking on this matter as we do today.

The windows, which were in very poor condition, have been repaired, puttied, and painted. The classrooms have been painted——one room in two shades of light green and the other room in two shades of light blue. The floors were scrubbed and treated during the summer. The children returned in September to pleasant clean rooms which have been kept that way. The teachers have continued to improve the appearance of the rooms by hanging draperies at the windows, and the children have contributed with their project and art displays.

We are planning to paint the exterior of the building next summer.

Even more important to any school than the physical environment are the teachers. The Town of Washington is indebted to Mrs. May and Mrs. Madigan for their excellent and faithful service. The resignation of Mrs. Leasot, the art supervisor, was accepted with regret last spring. Her successor has not yet been appointed.

I wish to recommend the procurement and increased use of audio-visual aids. The radio promises to be a means of bringing valuable, appreciative, informative, and motivating supplements into the classrooms. There is a continuing expansion and diversification in the production of records for use in schools. The value of the visual aids is commonly recognized.

**Budget 1948**

| | |
|---|---|
| Teachers' salaries | $4,050 00 |
| Textbooks | 75 00 |
| Supplies | 175 00 |
| Janitor | 255 00 |
| Fuel | 175 00 |
| Lights and Water | 15 00 |
| Health | 85 00 |
| Transportation Local | 1,785 00 |
| High School Transportation | 1,475 00 |
| Elementary Tuition | 800 00 |
| High School Tuition | 2,100 00 |
| Superintendent—Salary and Expenses | 1,000 00 |
| New Equipment and Outlay | 50 00 |
| Repairs | 200 00 |
| Total | $12,240 00 |

The proposed budget for 1948 totals about $900 more than that adopted for 1947. About one third of this is accounted for in much needed salary increases, about one third in necessary additional transportation costs and the other third chiefly in tuition costs over which we have no control.

As all of the reimbursements from the State have not been received by the Town Treasurer as yet, I am unable to compute the

net cost for the support of schools to the Town of Washington as is the custom. However, under a new law we have received from the State $2,334.24 for transportation compared to $1,515.96 for 1946.

It is hoped that in the near future more state aid for education will be forthcoming in order to relieve the burden on real estate and increase the educational opportunities especially in the small communities.

### Graduation—1947

WASHINGTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Diplomas were awarded to

Lorainne Campbell
Jean Kelly
Henry E. Rock, Jr.

BECKET SCHOOL

George L. Davenport

Enrollment October 1, 1947

Teachers, Grades, Enrollment

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Nellie Madigan | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 | | | | | 23 |
| Mrs. Maude May | | | | | 4 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 18 |
| Becket School | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Pittsfield Junior High | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Pittsfield High School | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| St. Joseph's High School | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Dalton High School | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Pittsfield Vocational School | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | 63 |

### Compulsory School Age

All children must attend school between the ages of seven and sixteen. Certain exceptions may be made by written permission of the Superintendent of Schools for children who have reached the age of fourteen and have completed the sixth grade.

## Employment of Minors

Employment permits are required for all persons under twenty-one who are employed in manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile, and certain other work. These may be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

## School Calendar—1947–1948

| Washington | | Days |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. | School begins Sept. 3, 1947 | 20 |
| Oct. | No school Oct. 13, 24 (convention) | 21 |
| Nov. | No school Nov. 11, 26 P. M., 27, 28 | 17 |
| Dec. | School closed Dec. 19 (Becket—Dec. 24) | 15 |
| Jan. | School opens Jan. 5 | 20 |
| Feb. | Vacation Feb. 21, 29 inclusive | 15 |
| March | No school March 26 | 22 |
| April | Vacation April 17-25 inclusive | 17 |
| May | No school May 31 | 20 |
| June | School closes—June 11 (Becket—June 18) | 9 |
| | Total | 176 |

## Conclusion

I wish to express my continued appreciation for the cooperative spirit which exists among those with whom I am associated.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUITOR,
*Superintendent of Schools*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Washington Center School,

Mr. Earl Suitor,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Mr. Suitor:

The following is a report of health at Washington Center School.

The annual physical examinations were given by Dr. Herschman.

| | |
|---|---|
| Tonsillectomy's recommended | 4 |
| Enlarged tonsils | 5 |
| Fallen arches | 5 |

The general health is good.

Sincerely,

ROSE K. CONLEY, R.N.

## REPORT OF AN AUDIT

January 21, 1948

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Harry C. Shaw, Chairman,
Washington, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from November 10, 1946 to December 31, 1947, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
*Director of Accounts.*

Mr. Francis X. Lang,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from November 10, 1946, the date of the previous examination, to December 31, 1947, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined. The recorded receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued. The payments to the State and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on January 13, 1948 was proved by actual count.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the treasury. The payments were checked with the warrants approved by the selectmen, and the cash balance on January 13, 1948 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes and county retirement system were listed, the payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the county treasurer were verified, and the balance in the general treasury was proved.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists were audited and proved to the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the records of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, tax collector, and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of bills sent out for collection by the bureau of old age assistance and the board of public welfare were examined and checked. The charges were listed, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The work of all town officers was found to have been performed with care and accuracy, thereby facilitating the work of the audit.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1947.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

For the cooperation received from all the town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
*Assistant Director of Accounts.*

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON
### Balance Sheet—December 31, 1947

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

**Assets**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | $11,980 19 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1945, | $ 2 00 | |
| Levy of 1946, | 5 91 | |
| Levy of 1947, | 620 37 | |
| | | 628 28 |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise: | | |
| Levy of 1945, | $ 6 14 | |
| Levy of 1947, | 251 00 | |
| | | 257 14 |
| Departmental: | | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, | $457 47 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 664 52 | |
| | | 1,121 99 |
| State Aid to Highways, | | 4,945 16 |
| | | $18,932 76 |

**Liabilities and Reserves**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Federal Withholding Taxes, | | $244 50 |
| State Parks and Reservation Tax, Overestimate, | | 3 75 |
| County Tax—Overestimate, | | 110 23 |
| Excess from Sale—Land of Low Value | | 149 46 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | 138 41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | 1,594 49 |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | |
| Assistance, | $166 57 | |
| Administration, | 171 38 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children: | | |
| Assistance, | 392 74 | |
| | | 730 69 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 1,303 09 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1945, | $ 2 00 | |
| Levy of 1946, | 5 91 | |
| Levy of 1947, | 314 74 | |
| | | 322 65 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise, | $ 257 14 | |
| Departmental, | 1,121 99 | |
| State Aid to Highway, | 4,945 16 | |
| | | 6,324.29 |
| Surplus Revenue, | | 8,011 20 |
| | | $18,932 76 |

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

# WASHINGTON

AND

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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Eagle Printing and Binding Company
Pittsfield, Mass.

## TOWN WARRANT
### February 7, 1949

Polls will open at 10 A. M. and may close at 2 P. M. The business meeting will open at 1 P. M.

**Art. 1**—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2**—To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers: one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor and one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for one year, one Assessor for two years.

**Art. 3**—To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense of any suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 4**—To hear reports of the various Town Officers, and to act thereon.

**Art. 5**—To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $13,980.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote in relation thereto.

**Art. 6**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning January 1, 1949, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 7**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 to continue repairs to Town Shed on the Pittsfield Road, or take any other vote relating thereto.

**Art. 8**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for the Sons and Daughters Annual Reunion.

**Art. 9** —To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for Eden Glen Pond.

**Art. 10**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for expenses of Tree Warden.

**Art. 11**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the control of the Dutch Elm Disease.

**Art. 12**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $94.30 for Gypsy Moth work as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 660 (Section 11—Acts of 1948).

**Art. 13**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $139.12 for Pension Fund and Expense Fund as required by the Berkshire County Retirement Board and ordered by The Berkshire County Commissioners January 3, 1949.

**Art. 14**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $529.20 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 15**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $36.00 for tax titles.

**Art. 16**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to $5,000.00 from surplus revenue funds towards the reduction of its 1949 tax rate.

**Art. 17**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Agent of the Public Welfare, Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children and raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 for his services as said Agent.

**Art. 18**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell land taken on tax titles or purchased by the Town and not being used for the benefit or welfare of the inhabitants of the Town.

**Art. 19**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to secure options of lease or purchase of property for the purpose of planting rows of trees to protect Town roads from snow obstruction said options to be submitted to the inhabitants of the Town at a special or regular Town Meeting for their approval or rejection.

**Art. 20**—To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended. All salaries to be effective as of January 1, 1949.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Town Clerk | $ 50 00 | Town Treasurer | $150 00 |
| Chairman Selectmen | 150 00 | 2nd Member Selectmen | 50 00 |
| Tax Collector | 150 00 | 3rd Member Selectmen | 50 00 |
| Auditor | 25 00 | 2nd Member Assessors cl. | 60 00 |
| Chairman Assessors | 50 00 | 3rd Member Assessors | 30 00 |
| Tree Warden | 25 00 | School Committee Clerk | 50 00 |
| Chairman School Com. | 10 00 | 3rd Member School Com. | 10 00 |

**Art. 21**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for an adding machine.

**Art. 22**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations) Maintenance of Highways, (Chapter 81, $843.60) (Chapter 90, Blotz Road, $1,000.00) (Chapter 90, Maintenance $500.00) Snow Removal $3,500.00; Bridges $400.00; Appointed Officers, $100.00; Miscellaneous, $500.00;

Town Officers, $950; Tree Warden, $25.00; Officers Bonds, $30.00; Discount on Notes, $100.00; Forest Warden, $100.00; Old Age Assistance, $5,000.00; Aid to Dependent Children, $3,500.00; Public Welfare $500.00; Cemetery, $100.00; Snow Fence, $600.00; Becket Fire Dept. $500.00; Becket Firemen, $200.00; Insurance on Buildings, $90.00; Veterans Aid, $300.00; Board of Health, $50.00; Workmen's Compensation $461.03.

**Art. 23**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from overlay surplus to Reserve Account.

**Art. 24**—To choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot; Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark, Sextons and Constables.

**Art. 25**—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

## TOWN OFFICERS IN 1948

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### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER
C. A. R. Simmons

### SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1950 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1948 |
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman | Term expires 1949 |

### ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1948 |
| John L. Peer | Term expires 1949 |
| Louis M. Baker, Chairman | Term expires 1950 |

John Campbell Jr.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Venice J. Rock | Term expires 1950 |
| Clara A. Baker | Term expires 1949 |
| May S. Sanderson, Chairman | Term expires 1948 |

### TREE WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

### AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR
Marguerite E. Schulze

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Selectmen

## APPOINTEES

### FOREST WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

## INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Ernest Schulze — Joseph N. Blotz

## FIELD DRIVERS

John L.Peer — C. A. R. Simmons — Emil Schulze

## POUND KEEPER

C. A. R. Simmons

## Constables

George H. Davenport — C. A. R. Simmons — Henry Rock

Louis Sheehan — Amos Gallant

## MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

David Watson

## SURVEYOR OF LUMBER

Harry D. Olds

## FENCE VIEWERS

John Campbell, Sr. — Carl H. Peer — David Watson

## SEXTON

George N. Burnham

## MOTH INSPECTOR

Ernest Schulze

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

Amos Gallant

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Archie Daigle

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1948 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting February 9, 1948. Raised and Appropriated

| | |
|---|---|
| School | $12,240 00 |
| Gypsy Moth | 75 00 |
| Pension Fund, Retirement Board | 89 00 |
| Tax Title | 36 00 |
| Repairing Town Hall | 100 00 |
| Repairing Town Shed | 200 00 |
| Raze and erect Shed, Town Garage | 50 00 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 50 00 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 50 00 |
| Sons and Daughters reunion | 25 00 |
| Tree Warden expenses | 25 00 |
| Public Welfare Agent and Old Age Supervisor | 75 00 |
| Chapter 81 | 780 00 |
| Chapter 90 Blotz Road | 900 00 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 500 00 |
| Snow Removal | 3,500 00 |
| Bridges | 400 00 |
| Town Officers | 950 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 500 00 |
| Officers' Bonds | 30 00 |
| Discount on Notes | 100 00 |
| Forest Warden | 100 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 4,000 00 |
| Aid Dependent Children | 2,800 00 |
| Public Welfare | 300 00 |
| Cemetery | 100 00 |
| Snow Fence | 500 00 |
| Becket Fire Department | 100 00 |
| Insurance on Builiings | 90 00 |
| Veterans Aid | 200 00 |
| Board of Health | 50 00 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 270 42 |
| | $29,185 42 |

Art. 7—Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,594.49 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

Art. 15—Voted to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to $5,000.00 from surplus revenue funds towards the reduction of the 1948 tax rate.

Art. 24—Voted to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from Overlay Surplus to Reserve Account.

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## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $4,000 00 |
| Transferred from available surplus funds | | 1,000 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,687 73 |
| U. S. Grant carried over from 1947 | | 166 57 |
| Total Available | | $7,854 30 |
| Expended town appropriations | $5,000 00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grants | 2,778 46 | |
| Total Expended | | $7,778 46 |
| Unexpended | | $75 84 |

### Payroll Expenditures

| | |
|---|---|
| January 15 to 31 | $279 95 |
| February 1 to 15 | 352 50 |
| February 15 to 29 | 408 75 |
| March 1 to 15 | 352 50 |
| March 15 to 31 | 421 85 |
| April 1 to 15 | 274 20 |
| April 15 to 30 | 696 11 |
| May 1 to 15 | 266 58 |
| May 15 to 30 | 372 48 |
| June 1 to 15 | 266 58 |
| June 15 to 30 | 319 08 |
| July 1 to 15 | 266 58 |
| July 15 to 31 | 272 48 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| August 1 to 15 | $266 58 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 302 63 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 266 58 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 350 88 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 275 50 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 303 50 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 275 50 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 328 15 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 275 50 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 308 50 | |
| January 1 to 15 | 275 50 | |
| | | $7,778 46 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation at Annual Town Meeting | | $2,800 00 |
| Transferred from available surplus funds | | 700 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 1,161 00 |
| U. S. Grant carried over from 1947 | | 392 74 |
| Total Available | | $5,053 74 |
| Expended town appropriation | $3,500 00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grants | 1,366 09 | |
| Total expended | | $4,866 09 |
| Unexpended | | $187 65 |

### Payroll Expenditures

| | |
|---|---|
| January 1 to 15 | $161 20 |
| January 15 to 31 | 185 20 |
| February 1 to 15 | 161 20 |
| February 15 to 29 | 182 45 |
| March 1 to 15 | 161 20 |
| March 15 to 31 | 192 40 |
| April 1 to 15 | 174 40 |

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|---|---|---|
| April 15 to 30 | $185 85 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 174 40 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 199 90 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 174 40 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 197 90 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 174 40 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 355 40 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 178 90 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 199 40 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 178 90 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 217 50 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 203 35 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 220 35 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 203 35 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 307 05 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 109 80 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 163 84 | |
| January 1 to 15 | 203 35 | |
| | | $4,866 09 |

## BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| Town of Becket | $100 00 |

## OFFICER'S BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $30 00 |
| C. D. Hebb Co. Treasurer | $7 50 | |
| " Town Clerk | 5 00 | |
| Massachusetts Bonding Insurance Tax Collector | 11 25 | |
| | | $23 75 |
| Unexpended | | $6 25 |

## EDEN GLEN POND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $50 00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 13 00 |
| Total Available | | $63 00 |
| Joseph Abderhalden, bulldozer | | $63 00 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE AGENT AND OLD AGE SUPERVISOR

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $75 00 |
| John Campbell, Jr., Agent and Supervisor | | $75 00 |

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS REUNION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $25 00 |
| George Sweet, music | $24 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, Treas. | 1 00 | |
| | | $25 00 |

## CEMETERIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 1 76 |
| Total Available | | $101 76 |
| George N. Burnham, Gate | $19 50 | |
| George N. Burnham, labor | 80 50 | |
| Frank Howard, Iron Enamel | 1 76 | |
| | | $101 76 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | 15 50 |
| Total Available | $115 50 |
| Pittsfield National Bank, discount | $115 50 |

## BRIDGE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $400 00 |
| Transferred from available funds | | 150 00 |
| Transferred from reserve account | | 11 83 |
| | | $561 83 |
| Transferred to town hall repairs | $250 00 | |
| Transferred to garage shed account | 50 00 | |
| | | $300 00 |
| Total Available | | $261 83 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $25 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 12 00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 46 40 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 15 20 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 3 80 | |
| Arthur Hebert, crane | 30 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, crane helper | 4 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 11 40 | |
| Rock Lumber Co., 1117 ft. 3-inch plank | 78 19 | |
| Rock Lumber Co. 24 pcs. 2x6–16–384 ft. 4 pcs 4x6–16–128 ft. | 35 84 | |
| | | $261 83 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $1,594 49 |
| Detroit Supply Co., tractor jack oil | $ 3 20 | |
| L. A. Harris, repair tractor radiator and parts | 58 90 | |
| Contractor Sales Co. tractor parts and labor | 668 68 | |
| May Auto Parts, repairs to tractor parts | 17 42 | |
| Smith Service Co. tractor bearing and box | 6 85 | |
| Maine Steel Inc. tractor plow points | 10 29 | |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | 38 40 | |
| Amos Gallant, tractor battery | 37 90 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor on tractor | 16 00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Philip Bohrer, labor on tractor | $ 13 20 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor on tractor | 15 20 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor on tractor | 3 80 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor on tractor | 21 30 | |
| Roy Simmons, 20 gals. gasoline | 4 80 | |
| Charles Mallison, tractor repairs | 8 25 | |
| Charles Mallison, gasoline | 7 77 | |
| Joseph Poplaski, labor and material | 51 35 | |
| Mel Harris, cans and nozzle | 4 75 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil, gas and oil | 102 87 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., grousers and parts | 32 82 | |
| E. W. Sauerwine, anti-freeze | 12 50 | |
| Levernoch Bros. oil (53 gal.) | 46 40 | |
| Levernoch Bros. spiral grease | 25 44 | |
| Central Petroleum Co. hydraulic red lube trans. oil and grease | 27 65 | |
| Tarbell Watter Co. hydrometer | 19 00 | |
| Carr Hardware Co. tractor paint and bolts | 17 95 | |
| | | $1,272 69 |
| Unexpended | | $321 80 |

## REPAIRING TOWN SHED

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $200 00 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $45 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 4 20 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 34 20 | |
| Frank Howard, 20 lb. nails | 2 40 | |
| Dettinger Lumber Co. 10 ½ sq. shingle | 71 50 | |
| Dettinger Lumber Co., 10 lbs. alum. nails | 7 50 | |
| Carr Hardware Co. 15 lb. spikes | 2 25 | |
| | | $167 05 |
| Unexpended | | $32 95 |

## DUTCH ELM DISEASE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $50 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | $14 15 | |
| Hayden Allen, labor | 9 60 | |
| Total Expended | | $23 75 |
| Unexpended | | $26 25 |

## RAZE AND ERECT SHED, TOWN GARAGE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $ 50 00 |
| Transferred from Bridge Account | | 50 00 |
| Transferred from available surplus funds | | 100 00 |
| Total Available | | $200 00 |
| Charles Jenks, labor | $19 80 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 19 80 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 26 60 | |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | 35 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 1 20 | |
| Rock Lumber Co. 600 ft. 1-in. boards | 36 00 | |
| Dettinger Lumber Co. 8 rolls roof paper | 28 00 | |
| Frank Howard, 31 lbs. nails | 3 72 | |
| Carr Hardware, 3 gal. paint | 15 15 | |
| Carr Hardware Co. 20 lb. nails | 3 00 | |
| Total Expended | | $188 27 |
| Unexpended | | $11 73 |

## GYPSY MOTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $75 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, inspection and labor | 8 00 |
| Unexpended | $67 00 |

## TAX TITLE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $36 00 |
| Unexpended | | $36 00 |

## TREE WARDEN EXPENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $25 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | $3 00 | |
| Hayden Allen, labor | 3 00 | |
| Total Expended | | $6 00 |
| Unexpended | | $19 00 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | $9 15 | |
| Pasquale Peillucci, labor | 1 00 | |
| Zigmund Zaleski, labor | 1 00 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 3 60 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 2 00 | |
| Leigh Davenport, labor | 4 00 | |
| Hayden Allen, labor | 2 60 | |
| Total Expended | | $23 35 |
| Unexpended | | $76 65 |

## A. D. C. ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|---|---|
| U. S. Grant | $6 35 |
| Unexpended | $6 35 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50 00 |
| Unexpended | $50 00 |

## SNOW FENCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $500 00 |
| Transferred from available funds | | 50 00 |
| Total Available | | $550 00 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $ 95 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 44 80 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 33 20 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 90 20 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 61 60 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 109 20 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 53 20 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., 75 posts | 48 75 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., wire | 10 00 | |
| | | 545 59 |
| Unexpended | | $4 05 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $950 00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 32 00 |
| Total Available | | $982 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Clerk | $ 50 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Treasurer | 150 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman Selectmen | 150 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Selectmen | 50 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr. Selectman | 50 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, Tax Collector | 150 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, Auditor | 25 00 | |
| Louis M. Baker, Chairman Assessors | 50 00 | |
| John L. Peer, Clerk Assessors | 60 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Assessor | 30 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Tree Warden | 25 00 | |
| May S. Sanderson, School Committee | 10 00 | |
| Clara Baker, School Committee | 10 00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Venice J. Rock, Clerk School Committee | $ 50 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, 10 registrations | 20 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, 4 registrations | 8 00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, Ballot Clerk | 12 00 | |
| Yvonne Campbell, Ballot Clerk | 3 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, Ballot Box Operator | 3 00 | |
| Marie Peer, Ballot Clerk | 6 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Inspector Animals | 35 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Inspector of Slaughtering | 10 00 | |
| Archie Daigle, Sealer of Weights and Measures | 10 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Ballot Clerk | 3 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, Inspector Ballots | 3 00 | |
| David Watson, Inspector Ballots | 9 00 | |
| | | $982 00 |

## SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $3,500 00 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $394 82 | |
| Amos Gallant, tractor plates | 4 00 | |
| Charles Jenks, repair tractor | 11 55 | |
| Charles Jenks, driving tractor | 213 43 | |
| Contractor's Sales Co., material and labor on Monarch tractor | 113 87 | |
| Open Kitchen, 37.5 gal. gas | 9 01 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 17 14 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 7 85 | |
| Maine Steel, Inc. cutting edges | 37 40 | |
| Maine Steel, Inc., points, bars and bolts | 35 54 | |
| John Peer, truck plow | 656 00 | |
| John Peer, sanding | 9 28 | |
| Claude Goodsell, truck plow | 659 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, driving tractor | 160 50 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., ice grousers | 204 16 | |
| L. P. Adams, road salt | 55 32 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck sanding | 79 23 | |

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|---|---|---|
| American Railway Express, express plow parts | $ 1 25 | |
| Mass. Public Works Dept. plowing snow | 67 76 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 125 04 | |
| Berkshire Gravel, 81,100 lbs. sand | 29 53 | |
| Detroit Supply Co., 1 gal. jack oil | 1 75 | |
| Detroit Supply Co., switch and bulbs | 8 08 | |
| Detroit Supply Co., 2 set wrenches | 5 23 | |
| Detroit Supply Co., 2 switches | 1 00 | |
| Socony Vacuum Co., 809.4 gals. gas | 182 52 | |
| Miner's Garage, 1 gal. oil | 1 00 | |
| Miner's Garage, 5 gals. anti-freeze | 7 00 | |
| Miner's Garage, Bonner sockets | 37 25 | |
| George Burnham, Jr. labor | 18 53 | |
| Town of Becket, tractor plow | 96 00 | |
| L. A. Harris, repair tractor | 17 69 | |
| L. A. Harris, welt caulks | 34 00 | |
| L. A. Harris, repair blade and braces | 16 80 | |
| L. A. Harris, hoist and spreader | 12 25 | |
| L. A. Harris, plowing snow | 40 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, cut tractor bolts | 3 00 | |
| Norman Hulze, labor | 4 00 | |
| Archie Daigle, express plow points | 14 33 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., 3 eye bolts | 75 | |
| Fred Connor, plowing snow | 16 00 | |
| | | $3,408 86 |
| Unexpended | | $91 14 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $500 00 |
| Transferred from available surplus funds | | 100 00 |
| Total Available | | $600 00 |
| Western Mass. Electric Co., lights | $ 18 75 | |
| Hobbs & Warren, Officers' books and forms | 45 44 | |

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|---|---|
| John Corkhill, safety signs | $ 24 00 |
| Pittsfield National Bank, checkbooks | 7 02 |
| Eagle Printing & Binding Co., 130 Town Reports | 133 40 |
| Eagle Printing & Binding Co., 75 envelopes | 1 00 |
| Eagle Printing & Binding Co., 125 Ballots, 5 Special Ballots, 100 Voting Lists | 35 75 |
| Harry C. Shaw, mileage, tel. and tel., postage | 76 39 |
| Richard H. Rankin, 31 R. E. Transfers | 31 00 |
| Stevenson & Co., Blasting Bond | 10 00 |
| Alton Davis, trip to Boston, reservation fire | 24 00 |
| Milo Kent, trip to Boston, reservation fire | 25 10 |
| Ernest Schulze, trip to Boston, reservation fire | 24 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, trip to Boston, reservation fire | 5 65 |
| Mass. Selectmen's Asso., 1948 dues | 10 00 |
| Emil Schulze, wood for Town Hall | 10 00 |
| Emil Schulze, shovelling and building fire | 3 00 |
| Shandoff Co., books and forms | 4 40 |
| Mass. Assessors' Asso., 1948 State and County dues | 6 00 |
| Mass. Treasurer and Collectors' Asso., 1948 dues | 2 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, fixture and wire for garage | 3 50 |
| Berkshire Office Supply, staples and ribbon | 1 60 |
| The Barre Gazette, tax bill forms | 7 95 |
| The Barre Gazette, 500 window envelopes | 5 25 |
| Mass. Town Clerks' Asso., 1948 dues | 3 00 |
| Francis X. Lang, certification notes | 2 00 |
| N. Y. C., R. R. Co., water right | 5 00 |
| American Writing Ink Co., pint of ink | 50 |
| National Library Bind. Co., blank book | 3 00 |
| Marguerite Schulze, postage | 12 01 |
| N. Y. C. R. R. Co., land rent | 1 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, recording births, deaths and marriages | 6 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, mileage, tel. & postage | 17 61 |

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|---|---|---|
| John Peer, telephones | $ 1 99 | |
| Venice J. Rock, telephones | 1 80 | |
| Henry E. Rock, mileage collect. dog taxes | 2 03 | |
| Louis Baker, mileage and postage | 4 00 | |
| Harry D. Olds, mileage and postage | 3 45 | |
| Ernest Schulze, mileage | 1 80 | |
| Total Expended | | $580 39 |
| Unexpended | | $19 61 |

## REPAIRING TOWN HALL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $100 00 |
| Transferred from Bridge Account | | 250 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 22 00 |
| Total Available | | $372 00 |
| C. S. Ferry Co., lumber and nails | $128 43 | |
| John Kelly, lumber and nails | 95 10 | |
| George Burnham, labor | 61 00 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 61 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 4 00 | |
| Frank Howard, 2 gal. floor preserver | 9 00 | |
| Total Expended | | $358 53 |
| Unexpended | | $13 47 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended Balance 1947 | | $171 38 |
| U. S. Grant 1948 | | 19 48 |
| Total Available | | $190 86 |
| Dorothy Durant, envelopes | $33 72 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., mileage, postage | 14 25 | |
| Total Expended | | $47 97 |
| Unexpended | | $142 89 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $300 00 |
| Greater Boston Community Council | | |
| Social Service Index | | $3 00 |
| Unexpended | | $297 00 |

## RESERVE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $275 00 |
| Transferred to Insurance Buildings | $ 1 87 | |
| Transferred to Town Hall repairs | 22 00 | |
| Transferred to Discount on notes | 15 50 | |
| Transferred to Eden Glen Pond | 13 00 | |
| Transferred to Cemeteries | 1 76 | |
| Transferred to Bridges | 11 83 | |
| Transferred to Town Officers | 32 00 | |
| Total Expended | | $97 96 |
| Unexpended | | $177 04 |

## CHAPTER 81

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|---|---|---|
| Town Appropriation | | $ 780 00 |
| State Appropriation | | 11,700 00 |
| Total Available | | $12,480 00 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $1,192 19 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 565 05 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 217 55 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 510 40 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 68 40 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 205 17 | |
| Don Besancon, truck | 25 50 | |
| Edward Rushbrook, labor | 7 60 | |
| Arthur Hebert, crane | 922 50 | |

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|---|---|
| Charles Jenks, labor | $ 211 63 |
| Charles Jenks, scraper operator | 59 80 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 768 90 |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 645 64 |
| Town of Becket, scraper | 69 30 |
| Joseph Fassell, scraper operator | 89 70 |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 53 20 |
| Edward Gallant, power mower | 258 00 |
| Irving Fassell, tractor operator | 8 00 |
| Irving Fassell, labor | 66 50 |
| Fred Connor, truck | 63 00 |
| Edward Murray, truck | 236 25 |
| A. W. Tryon, truck | 210 00 |
| Claude Kimberly, truck | 180 00 |
| Clarence Kinne, truck | 30 00 |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 158 00 |
| Roy Simmons, sander operator | 18 25 |
| Theodore Peer, hone operator | 12 20 |
| William Doran, labor | 5 23 |
| Fred Loring, sander | 21 75 |
| Fred Loring, operator | 9 20 |
| Fred Loring, transportation | 2 00 |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 253 10 |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 301 50 |
| Claude Goodell, crane helper | 14 00 |
| John L. Peer, truck | 676 76 |
| John L. Peer, hone | 12 00 |
| George Burnham, Jr. | 487 35 |
| Joseph Abderhalden, bulldozer | 336 00 |
| Joseph Abderhalden, truck | 71 26 |
| Eldore Trembley, labor | 7 60 |
| Town of Washington, tractor | 238 70 |
| Don Besancon, truck | 24 00 |
| John Kelly, 200 ft. lumber | 16 40 |
| Ray Bliven, dynamite and caps | 50 00 |
| Frank Howard, 2 saw handles | 1 00 |
| Frank Howard, 1 sprayer | 28 50 |

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|---|---|
| Frank Howard, 4 scythes | $ 10 00 |
| Frank Howard, 3 axes | 9 75 |
| Frank Howard, 2 sledge handles | 1 70 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co., 44 ft. culvert, 1 coupling | 97 02 |
| Mrs. C. Levernoch, 2450 yds. gravel | 245 00 |
| Mrs. L. Fassell, 590 yds. gravel | 59 00 |
| Don Besancon, 20 bags cement | 22 00 |
| Don Besancon, 1 gal. cement tar | 2 50 |
| Don Besancon, 2 gals paint | 11 00 |
| American Tar Co., 7174 gal. tar | 1,271 09 |
| L. P. Adams, 10 sacks cement | 10 00 |
| Lukon, Inc., weed toxin and drum | 163 00 |
| L. A. Harris, welding road machine and chain | 2 25 |
| L. A. Harris, repair sprayer | 2 00 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 72 T. Bergraco | 378 75 |
| Berkshire Gravel, 51 T. 200 lb. sand | 38 33 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 44.85 T. sand | 37 39 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 13,300 lbs. sand | 4 99 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 58.4 T grits | 87 62 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 141,500 lbs. grits | 106 13 |

## CHAPTER 81, SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $148 75 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 59 50 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 8 55 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 42 90 | |
| Charles Jenks, tractor operator | 30 50 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 42 90 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 42 90 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 64 77 | |
| John L. Peer, truck plow | 26 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 12 50 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck plow | 32 00 | |
| | | $12,479 87 |
| Unexpended | | $ 13 |

## CHAPTER 90, BLOTZ ROAD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation—Town of Washington | | $ 900 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 900 00 |
| State | | 1,800 00 |
| Total Available | | $3,600 00 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $229 38 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 109 74 | |
| John L. Peer, truck | 297 00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 116 80 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 129 68 | |
| Irving Fassell, mason | 66 00 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 17 10 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 72 00 | |
| Joseph Fassell, mason helper | 48 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 108 30 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 147 96 | |
| George Burnham, labor | 75 53 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 38 00 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 3 80 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 90 00 | |
| Frank Howard, 4 handles and twine | 3 70 | |
| Leona Fassell, 1390 yd. gravel | 139 00 | |
| Claude Kimberly, truck | 90 00 | |
| C. A. Pierce, 30 bags cement | 30 00 | |
| Joseph Palfini, truck | 90 00 | |
| N. E. Metal Culvert, 12 ft. 18 inch culvert, 20 ft. 12 inch, 46 ft. 18 inch and 4 couplings | 163 07 | |
| A. Leo Nash, 5 42 inch culvert | 290 00 | |
| Ray Bliven, case dynamite | 15 00 | |
| Town of Otis, grader | 180 00 | |
| Arthur Hebert, crane | 666 00 | |
| John Kelly, 56 ft. lumber | 4 94 | |
| Claude Goodell, crane helper | 4 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 240 00 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Don Besancon, truck | $ 72 00 | |
| Bernard Miner, grader operator | 54 00 | |
| Bernard Miner, transportation | 9 00 | |
| | | $3,600 00 |

## CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation—Town of Washington | | $500 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 500 00 |
| State | | 500 00 |
| Total Available | | $1,500 00 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $ 10 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 4 89 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 20 00 | |
| John L. Peer, truck | 30 00 | |
| John L. Peer, hone | 22 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 7 60 | |
| Don Besancon, truck | 24 00 | |
| Joseph Abderhalden, truck | 45 00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 7 60 | |
| George Burnham, labor | 7 60 | |
| Theodore Peer, hone operator | 9 20 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 7 60 | |
| Eldore Trembley, labor | 7 60 | |
| Roy Simmons, sander operator | 8 00 | |
| American Tar Co., 5421 gal. tar | 982 83 | |
| Fred Loring, sander | 6 00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 175 T. grits | 262 50 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 50 T sand | 37 50 | |
| | | $1,499 83 |
| Unexpended | | $ 17 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $270 42 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., Traveller policy | $151 28 | |
| Stevenson & Co., Additional premium per audit of June 30, 1947 | 119 14 | |
| | | $270 42 |

## PENSION FUND, RETIREMENT FUND

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $89 00 |
| Pension and expense fund paid | $89 00 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $90 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 1 87 |
| Total Available | | $91 87 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., buildings and equipment | $72 51 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., weights, measures and balances | 19 36 | |
| | | $91 87 |

## RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | $ 7,778 46 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 4,866 09 |
| Town of Becket Fire Department | 100 00 |
| Officer's Bonds | 23 75 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 63 00 |
| Supervisor O. A. A. and A. D. C. | 75 00 |
| Sons and Daughters Reunion | 25 00 |
| Cemeteries | 101 76 |
| Discount on Notes | 115 50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Bridges | $ 261 83 |
| Machinery | 1,272 69 |
| Repairing Town Shed | 167 05 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 23 75 |
| Raze and Erect Garage Shed | 188 27 |
| Gypsy Moth | 8 00 |
| Tree Warden | 6 00 |
| Forest Warden | 23 35 |
| Snow Fence | 545 95 |
| Town Officers | 982 00 |
| Snow Removal | 3,408 86 |
| Miscellaneous | 580 39 |
| Repairing Town Hall | 358 53 |
| Old Age Administration | 47 97 |
| Public Welfare | 3 00 |
| Chapter 81 | 12,479 87 |
| Chapter 90 Blotz Road | 3,600 00 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 1,499 83 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 270 42 |
| Berkshire County Retirement Fund | 89 00 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 91 87 |
| Total | $39,057 19 |

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY C. SHAW, Chairman
C. A. R. SIMMONS
JOHN CAMPBELL, JR.

*Selectmen*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1948 | | $11,980 19 |
| 1945 Poll tax | $ 2 00 | |
| 1946 Poll tax | 2 00 | |
| 1947 Poll tax | 8 00 | |
| 1948 Poll tax | 114 00 | |
| 1946 Property tax | 3 91 | |
| 1947 Property tax | 564 13 | |
| 1948 Property tax | 7 400 00 | |
| 1945 Excise tax | 6 14 | |
| 1947 Excise tax | 251 00 | |
| 1948 Excise tax | 687 08 | |
| Interest on taxes | 27 95 | |
| Demands | 70 | |
| Fees | 35 | |
| | | $9,067 26 |
| Selectmen's Licenses | $ 613 00 | |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 3,537 10 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant | 2,687 73 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Administration | 19 48 | |
| Old Age Reimbursements, other towns | 710 37 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, State | 1,401 10 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, Federal Grant | 1,161 00 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, Administration | 6 35 | |
| Corporation tax | 557 99 | |
| Meal tax, Old Age Assistance | 195 50 | |
| Income tax | 527 94 | |
| County Dog Refund | 96 11 | |
| Loss on taxes | 6,687 00 | |
| Chapter 81, due in 1947, received in 1948 | 4,945 16 | |
| Chapter 81 | 8,824 61 | |
| School Supt. due in 1947, received in 1948 | 377 27 | |
| School Supt. for 1948 | 361 80 | |
| School Fund Part 1 | 900 00 | |
| School Fund Part 2 | 1,764 10 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Vocational Education | $ 206 90 | |
| Tuition of Children | 474 45 | |
| School Transportation | 2,985 45 | |
| High School Tuition | 1,879 59 | |
| High School Tuition, due in 1947 | 1,569 80 | |
| Highway Loan | 15,400 00 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance, State | 499 94 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance, County | 499 94 | |
| Chapter 90 Blotz road, State | 1,800 00 | |
| Chapter 90 Blotz road, County | 900 00 | |
| Town of Becket, use of tractor | 287 00 | |
| Town of Washington, use of tractor | 238 70 | |
| Philip Raymond, use of tractor | 3 50 | |
| Town of Hinsdale, plowing snow | 137 50 | |
| Sale of oil drum | 2 00 | |
| Sale of Scrap | 60 00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 130 40 | |
| Refund on Weed Toxin Drum | 10 00 | |
| American Tar Co. Refund | 63 60 | |
| Proportion to State tax | 109 94 | |
| Public Service | 66 03 | |
| District Court | 55 00 | |
| Division of Livestock disease control | 17 50 | |
| Bucksteep Manor | 13 00 | |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures | 2 00 | |
| Payroll Deduction, withholding tax | 1,095 30 | |
| Deduction, Berkshire Retirement System | 217 25 | |
| | | $64,098 40 |
| | | $85,145 85 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|---|
| Selectmen's Orders | $39,057 19 |
| Schools | 13,037 21 |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 1 152 90 |
| County Tax | 504 58 |
| State Parks | 16 29 |
| Audit | 1 52 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Berkshire County Mosquito Control | $ 62 94 | |
| Berkshire County Retirement System | 217 25 | |
| County Treasurer Dog Licenses | 130 40 | |
| | | $54,180 28 |
| Cash in Bank | $29,047 52 | |
| Cash on hand | 1,918 05 | |
| | | 30,965 57 |
| | | $85,145 85 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pittsfield National Bank | | |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1948, as per statement | | $32,702 39 |
| Balance Dec. 31, 1948, as per checkbook | $29,047 52 | |
| Outstanding checks as per list Dec. 31 | 3,654 87 | |
| | | $32,702 39 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Treasurer*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Dog Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male, 38 at $2.00 | $76 00 | |
| Female, 6 at $5.00 | 30 00 | |
| Spayed Female, 13 at $2.00 | 26 00 | |
| Kennel, 1 at $10.00 | 10 00 | |
| | $142 00 | |
| Fees retained | 11 60 | |
| Payment to Treasurer | | $130 40 |

### Sporting Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident citizen's Fishing, 15 at $2.00 | $30 00 | |
| Resident citizen's Hunting, 15 at $2.00 | 30 00 | |
| Resident citizen's Sporting, 26 at $3.25 | 84 50 | |
| Resident citizen's Female and Minor Fishing, 10 at $1.25 | 12 50 | |
| Resident citizen's Trapping, 2 at $5.25 | 10 50 | |
| Non-resident citizen's Fishing, 1 at $5.25 | 5 25 | |
| Resident citizen's Sporting, free, 5 | | |
| Old Age Assistance Fishing, free, 2 | | |
| | $172 75 | |
| Fees retained | 17 25 | |
| Paid Division of Fisheries and Game | | $155 50 |

### Deaths

1948

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mar. | 13 | Marriette (Servis) Smith, age 81 yrs., 4 mos., 5 days. |
| Mar | 15 | William E. Little, age 74. |
| Mar. | 21 | Ida Brooks Colburn, age 86 yrs., 7 mos., 7 days. |
| Oct. | 25 | Dana Delos Dewey, age 83 yrs., 9 mos., 3 days. |
| Nov. | 18 | Lawrence E. Stone, age 92 yrs., 2 mos., 30 days. |
| Dec. | 9 | Ella A. Travers, age 80 yrs., 4 mos., 10 days. |
| Dec. | 17 | Julia (Cardonnier) Barber, age 84 yrs. |

## Marriages

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| May | 20 | Charles Henry Wood and Elizabeth Gertrude (Coonradt) Gilson. |
| May | 22 | Ralph Thornton Simmons and Barbara Faye Walton. |
| Nov. | 6 | Donald Irving Macia and June Martha Ott. |

## Births

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| April | 10 | Justin Peter Lampro, son to Wilfred A. Lampro and Gertrude Dunn. |
| May | 27 | Stella Venice Metha, daughter to Andrew I. Methe and Mary Jane Rock. |
| June | 16 | James Henry Rock, Jr., son to James Henry Rock and Ethel Mae Burnham. |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Town Clerk*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

### RECAPITULATION

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Town: | | | |
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation | | $29,185 42 | |
| Total appropriations from available funds: | | | |
| (a) in 1948 | $2,369 49 | | |
| (b) since 1947 rate was fixed | 600 00 | | |
| | | $2,969 47 | |
| | | | $32,154 91 |
| 1948 Estimates | | | |
| State: | | | |
| State Parks and Reservations Tax | | $13 90 | |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts | | 1 52 | |
| Mosquito Control | | 73 46 | |
| | | | $88 88 |
| County: | | | |
| County Tax | | | $509 44 |
| Overlay of Current Year | | | 398 53 |
| Gross amount to be raised | | | $33,151 76 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Estimated Receipts and Available Funds: | |
| Income Tax | $3,902 37 |
| Corporation Taxes | 412 41 |
| Reimbursement Account Publicly owned land | 3,000 00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 600 00 |
| Licenses | 500 00 |
| Fines | 15 00 |
| Protection of Persons and Property | 2 50 |
| Health and Sanitation | 17 50 |
| Charities | 1,500 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 2,500 00 |
| Old Age Tax (meals) | 190 42 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Schools | $2,865 00 | |
| Interest on Taxes | 17 00 | |
| Ch. 498 Act of 1948 | 180 00 | |
| | | $15,702 20 |
| Overestimates of previous year to be used on available funds: | | |
| State Parks and Reservation | $ 3 75 | |
| County Tax | 110 23 | |
| Amounts voted to be taken from available funds: | | |
| $2,969.49 6/18/48 | | |
| 6,000.00 6/18/48 | 8,969 49 | |
| Total available funds | | $9,083 47 |
| Total estimated receipts and available funds | | $24,785 67 |
| Net amount to be raised by taxation on Polls and Property | | $8,366 09 |
| Number of Polls 77. Poll Tax | $154 00 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Valuation: | | | |
| Personal Property | $ 31,618 00 | P. P. Tax | $1,138 23 |
| Real Estate | 196,496 00 | R. E. Tax | 7,073 86 |
| Total Valuation | $228,114 00 | | $8,366 09 |

Tax Rate $36.00

Tax Rate Fixed June 20, 1948

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

| No. of persons assessed: | Individual | All others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On personal estate only | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| On real estate only | 82 | 7 | 89 |
| On both real and personal estate | 27 | | 27 |
| | | | 126 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. of Polls assessed | | 77 |
| Value of assessed Personal Estate: | | |
| Stock in trade | $ 4,250 00 | |
| Machinery | 22,000 00 | |
| Live Stock | 5,368 00 | |
| | | $31,618 00 |
| Value of assessed real estate: | | |
| Land, exclusive of buildings | $131,106 00 | |
| Buildings, exclusive of land | 65,390 00 | |
| | | $196,496 00 |
| | | $228,114 00 |
| Tax rate per $1000 00—$36.00 | | |
| Taxes for State, County and Town purposes including overlay: | | |
| On personal estate | | $1,138 23 |
| On real estate | | 7,073 86 |
| On polls | | 154 00 |
| Total Taxes assessed | | $ 8,366 09 |
| Omitted Assessment, assessed in December | | 11 70 |
| Number of Live Stock assessed: | | |
| Horses | | 23 |
| Neat Cattle | | |
| Cows | | 70 |
| Yearlings | | 7 |
| Sheep | | 14 |
| Goats | | 13 |
| Fowl | | 1,409 |
| Number of acres of land assessed | | 13,379 |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | | 87 |
| Omitted assessment, acres of land assessed December | | 3 |
| Omitted assessment, dwelling houses assessed December | | 1 |

## TOWN PROPERTY

| | Acres | Land Value | Buildings | Value | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall Right | ½ | $25 | Town Hall | $1,000 | $1,025 |
| | | | 2 Schools | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Part of Bennett Place | 1 | 100 | Garage | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 300 | Dam | 1,000 | 1,300 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| West Cemetery | 2 | 25 | | | 25 |
| Center " | 2 | 25 | | | 25 |
| Valley " | 4 | 50 | | | 50 |
| East " | 1 | 15 | | | 15 |
| | | | | | $7,240 |

Signed—LOUIS M. BAKER
JOHN L. PEER
ERNEST F. SCHULZE

*Assessors*

## 1948 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Uncollected 1945 Taxes according to 1947 Town Report

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Uncollected poll tax | $2 00 | Uncollected excise | $6 14 |
| Collected and paid Treas. | 2 00 | Collected and paid Treas. | 6 14 |

Collected 1945 interest $1.20 charges 35 cents

Uncollected 1946 Taxes according to 1947 Town Report

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Uncollected per. Tax | $3 91 | Uncollected 1946 poll | $2 00 |
| Collected and paid Treas. | 3 91 | Collected and paid Treas. | 2 00 |

Collected 1946 interest $.35 charges 35 cents

1947 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1947 prop. taxes | $6,093 53 | Real Estate Warrants | $5,759 23 |
| Certified to Tax Title | 16 00 | Personal Warrants | 956 67 |
| Pd. Treas. prop. taxes 1948 | 564 13 | Poll Tax | 150 00 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes 1948 | 8 00 | | |
| Abated poll taxes 1947 | 40 00 | | |
| Pd. Treas poll taxes 1947 | 98 00 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 42 24 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 4 00 | | |
| | $6,865 90 | | $6,865 90 |

1947 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1947 | $742 00 | Warrants | $993 00 |
| Pd. Treas. in 1948 | 251 00 | | |
| | $993 00 | | |

Collected 1947 interest in 1948, $16 39
Collected charges in 1948, 35 cents

1948 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. prop. taxes | $7,400 00 | Real Estate warrants | $7,073 86 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 114 00 | Personal warrants | 1,138 23 |
| Poll taxes abated | 24 00 | Poll tax warrant | 154 00 |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 16 00 | Omitted Tax | 11 70 |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 823 79 | | |
| | $8,377 79 | | $8,377 79 |

1948 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer | $687 08 | Warrants | $929 99 |
| Abated in 1948 | 9 33 | | |
| Uncollected | 233 58 | | |
| | $929 99 | | $929 99 |

1948 interest collected $10.01

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
*Collector of Taxes.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1948

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $12,240 00 |
| Total transfer from availabe treasury funds | | 800 00 |
| | | $13,040 00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,900 00 | |
| Nellie Jo Madigan, teacher | 1,805 00 | |
| Massachusetts retirement | 241 56 | |
| Earl C. Suitor, superintendent, salary | 890 61 | |
| Superintendent expenses | 148 33 | |
| Rose Conley, Nurse | 35 00 | |
| Dr. Kurt L. Hirshmann | 50 00 | |
| C. A. Wallin, H. S. Trans. | 1,200 90 | |
| George H. Davenport, H. S. transportation | 120 40 | |
| Henry E. Rock Sr., H. S. transportation | 167 20 | |
| John Peer, local transportation | 1,952 75 | |
| Pittsfield High School, tuition | 1,773 32 | |
| Town of Dalton, tuition | 387 20 | |
| Vocational tuition | 242 00 | |
| Town of Becket, tuition | 1,028 76 | |
| Textbooks | 94 94 | |
| Stationery and supplies | 176 45 | |
| Janitor | 284 75 | |
| Fuel | 87 61 | |
| Light and Water | 17 49 | |
| Repairs | 259 45 | |
| Library | 25 00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 9 60 | |
| School Committee | 12 00 | |
| New Equipment | 126 89 | |
| | | $13,037 21 |
| Unexpended | | $2 79 |

MAY SANDERSON, *Chairman*
CLARA A. BAKER
VENICE J. ROCK, *Secretary*
*School Committee*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the citizens of Washington:

Herewith is submitted my fourth annual report as Superintendent of your schools.

A new school building is greatly to be desired for the Town of Washington, and I hope the day is not too far distant when the Washington school children will be more adequately housed in a modern building, on a more suitable site, with more playground area. It is desirable that concrete plans be initiated and something be done in this direction.

In the meantime we are attempting to make the best of what we have. If you haven't been by the school since it has been painted, it would be worth your while to visit the school and see what a little paint did for its appearance. We now have a "Red Schoolhouse". One chimney has been retopped, and the ceilings in the classrooms repainted. The plumbing has required some attention along with other minor repairs. The stoves are nearing the end of their service, and some work is needed on the grounds. As long as we remain in the present building maintenance will continue costly, but the children in school today must not be neglected while we wait for a more opportune time to build. Current improvements improve the value of the building. They are not a complete loss even if we build soon.

We have made no radical changes in the curriculum, but we have started nature study and science with new and interesting textbooks. Some dictionaries and new reading books also have been purchased this year. We haven't bought the radio as planned, but when it is more clear whether FM is to be used for school programs or not, we will know better what to buy.

Teachers and parents are partners in the work of providing for the most wholesome development of children. The best teaching in any school requires the understanding and help of parents. In fact parental understanding and co-operation are essential to an adequate educational program. Attitudes and emotional balance may be favorably nurtured at home. Keep the children well and rested. A tired, irritable child is not ready to learn. Try to avoid absences, for continuity in attendance is most important.

The report of the School Committee shows a total cost for the support of schools for 1948 of $13,037 21.

The Net Cost to the Town

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures | | $13,037 21 |
| Receipts—1948 | | |
| From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | | |
| General School Fund Part 1 | $ 900 00 | |
| General School Fund Part 2 | 1,764 10 | |
| High School Tuition | 1,875 59 | |
| Transportation | 2,985 45 | |
| Salary and Expenses of Superintendent | 361 80 | |
| Vocational School | 206 90 | |
| State Wards, Tuition | 474 45 | |
| Total Reimbursement from the State | | $ 8,568 29 |
| Net Cost of Schools to Washington | | $ 4,468 92 |

**Budget 1949**

| | |
|---|---|
| Teachers' Salaries | $ 4,200 00 |
| Textbooks | 75 00 |
| Supplies | 175 00 |
| Janitor | 275 00 |
| Fuel | 175 00 |
| Lights and Telephone | 20 00 |
| Health | 85 00 |
| Superintendent's Salary and Expenses | 1,050 00 |
| New Equipment | 50 00 |
| Repairs | 200 00 |
| Transportation—Local | 2,175 00 |
| Transportation—High School | 1,826 00 |
| Tuition—Elementary | 800 00 |
| Tuition—High School | 2,829 00 |
| Library | 20 00 |
| School Committee | 15 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 10 00 |
| Total | $13,980 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Estimated Receipts: | | |
| From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | | |
| Chapter 70 as of 1948 | $4,539 69 | |
| Transportation | 3,665 00 | |
| State Ward, Tuition | 474 45 | |
| Vocational | 206 90 | |
| Superintendent's salary and expenses | 361 80 | |
| | $9,247 84 | |
| Budget for 1949 | $13,980 00 | |
| Estimated Receipts | $9,247 84 | |
| Estimated net cost to Washington | | $4,732 16 |

I wish to emphasize that the net cost to the Town of Washington for the support of schools including tuition to the high school, transportation, and all the expenses of the Valley School will be less than $5,000 for the year 1949 which is about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total cost while the state contributes the other $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cost.

The total budget of $13,980 has to be appropriated, however, and is an increase of nearly $1,000 over the expenditures for 1948. The original appropriation for 1948 had to be supplemented by an additional $800 that was necessary chiefly because of increased transportation and tuition costs from September through December 1948. These increases are continued in the 1949 budget and must be figured for a complete year. The high school tuition rate is now $214 per pupil. This is an increase of $34 per pupil over last year. The junior high school rate is $199.24 or an increase of $41 per pupil over last year. There may be an additional increase in tuition rates for the school year 1949-50.

"Education doesn't cost—it pays! It is not an expenditure but an investment."

## Graduation—1948

WASHINGTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Diplomas were awarded to:

Donald Kelley
Margaret Rock

BECKET SCHOOL

Emily Dennis

PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Flora Rock

Membership October 1, 1948

| Grades | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Nellie Madigan | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | | | 26 |
| Mrs. Maude May | | | | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 20 |
| Becket School | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| Dalton High School | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Pittsfield Junior High School | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Pittsfield Senior High School | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| Pittsfield Vocational School | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | 65 |

## School Calendar 1948-1949

| Washington | | Days |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. | School begins Sept. 8, 1948 | 17 |
| Oct. | No school Oct. 12 and 22 | 19 |
| Nov. | No school Nov. 11, 12, 24 P. M., 25, 26 | 17½ |
| Dec. | School closes Dec. 22 | 16 |
| Jan. | School begins Jan. 3 | 21 |
| Feb. | Vacation Feb. 19-27 inclusive | 15 |
| March | | 23 |
| April | Vacation—April 15-24 inclusive | 15 |
| May | No school May 30 | 21 |
| June | School closes June 10 | 8 |
| | Total | 172½ |

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUITOR,
*Superintendent of Schools*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Washington Center School,
Mr. Earl Suitor,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Mr. Suitor:

I submit the health report of Washington Center School.

Physical examinations were given by Dr. Karl L. Hirschmann on September 30, 1948.

Tonsillectomy's recommended 6

A number of Dental Cases.

Otherwise the general health was good.

Sincerely,

ROSE K. CONLEY, R. N.

## REPORT OF AN AUDIT

December 24, 1948

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Harry C. Shaw, Chairman
Washington, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from January 1, 1948 to November 25, 1948, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
*Director of Accounts.*

Mr. Francis X. Lang,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from January 1, 1948, the date of the previous examination, to November 25, 1948, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions as entered on the records of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection were examined and checked in detail.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and verified by comparison with the warrants issued by the assessors for their collection. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were compared with the assessor's records of abatements granted, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash balance on November 25, 1948 was proved by actual count of cash in the office.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

Attention of the collector is called to the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, which requires weekly payments to the treasurer of all money received during the preceding week.

It was noted that the commitment list of 1948 poll taxes was recorded in the cash book used for 1948 taxes. Attention is called to the provisions of Section 54, Chapter 59, General Laws, which requires the tax list committed to the colltector to be in a form approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

The surety bonds of the town officers required to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the treasury, while the payments were checked with the warrants approved by the selectmen. The cash balance on November 25, 1948 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the depository.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the county retirement board were verified and the balance in the general treasury was proved.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 25, 1948.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and the total amount voted was compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the 1948 tax rate.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued. The payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on November 25, 1948 was proved by actual count.

The receipts for licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare department, including the bureau of old age assistance, were analyzed. The collections, as recorded, were compared with the treasurer's record of receipts and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
*Assistant Director of Accounts*

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON
### Balance Sheet—November 25, 1948
### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

**Assets**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | | $25,596 62 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1947, | | $287 20 | |
| Levy of 1948: | | | |
| Poll, | $ 44 00 | | |
| Personal Property, | 1,138 23 | | |
| Real Estate, | 7,073 86 | | |
| | | 8,256 09 | |
| | | | 8,543 29 |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise: | | | |
| Levy of 1948, | | | 141 97 |
| Departmental: | | | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, | | $434 83 | |
| Old Age Assistance, | | 41 78 | |
| | | | 476 61 |
| Aid to Highways: | | | |
| State, | | | 2,875 39 |
| Revenue 1949, Appropriations Voted, | | | 2,100 00 |
| Underestimate 1948: | | | |
| State Parks and Reservations Assessments, | | | 2 39 |
| Overdrawn Accounts: | | | |
| Bridges, | | | 11 63 |
| | | | $39,747 90 |

**Liabilities and Reserves**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loan: | | | |
| In Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | | $15,400 00 |
| Payroll Deductions: | | | |
| Federal Taxes Withheld, | | | 383 80 |
| County Contributory Retirement System, | | | 4 20 |
| Dog Licenses—Due County, | | | 71 00 |
| Overestimates 1948: | | | |
| County Tax, | | $ 4 86 | |
| Mosquito Control Assessment, | | 10 52 | |
| | | | 15 38 |
| Excess from Sale—Land of Low Value, | | | 149 46 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | | 138 41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | | 529 20 |
| Federal Grants: | | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | | |
| Assistance, | $606 69 | | |
| Administration, | 190 86 | | |
| | | $797 55 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children: | | | |
| Assistance, | $70 04 | | |
| Administration, | 6 35 | | |
| | | 76 39 | |
| | | | 873 94 |
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances, | | | 5,051 83 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | | 1,061 54 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | | |
| Levy of 1947, | | $287 20 | |
| Levy of 1948, | | 374 53 | |
| | | | 661 73 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise, | | $141 97 | |
| Departmental, | | 476 61 | |
| | | | 618 58 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | | |
| Current Year, | | $7,832 47 | |
| Prior Years, | | 6,956 36 | |
| | | | 14,788 83 |
| | | | $39,747 90 |

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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AND

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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## TOWN WARRANT

### February 13, 1950

Polls will open at 10 A. M. and may close at 5 P. M. The business meeting will open at 1 P. M.

**Art. 1**—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2**—To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers: one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3**—To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense of any suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 4**—To hear reports of the various Town Officers, and to act thereon.

**Art. 5**—To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $14,717.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote in relation thereto.

**Art. 6**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art 7**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for the Sons and Daughters Annual Reunion.

**Art. 8**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for Eden Glen Pond.

**Art. 9**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for expenses of Tree Warden.

**Art. 10**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $208.96 for Pension Fund and Expense Fund as required by the Berkshire County Retirement Board and ordered by The Berkshire County Commissioners January 3, 1950.

**Art. 11**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the control of the Dutch Elm Disease.

**Art. 12**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $94.30 for Gypsy Moth work as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 660 (Section II—Acts of 1948).

**Art. 13**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $263.80 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 14**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $36.00 for tax titles.

**Art. 15**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to $5,000.00 from surplus revenue funds towards the reduction of its 1950 rate.

**Art. 16**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Agent of the Public Welfare, Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children and raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 for his services as said Agent.

**Art. 17**—To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended. All salaries to be effective as of January 1, 1950.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Town Clerk | $ 50 00 | Chairman Assessors | $50 00 |
| Town Treasurer | 150 00 | Clerk Assessors | 60 00 |
| Tax Collector | 150 00 | 3rd Member Assessors | 30 00 |
| Auditor | 25 00 | Tree Warden | 50 00 |
| Chairman Selectmen | 150 00 | Chairman School Com. | 10 00 |
| 2nd Member Selectmen | 50 00 | Clerk School Com. | 50 00 |
| 3rd Member Selectmen | 50 00 | 3rd Member School Com. | 10 00 |

**Art. 18**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations) Maintenance of Highways, Chapter 81, $780.00, Chapter 90, Blotz Road, $1,000.00; Chapter 90, Maintenance $600.00; Snow Removal $2,500.00; Bridges $600.00; Appointed Officers, $100.00; Miscellaneous, $500; Officers, $950.00; Tree Warden, $50.00; Officers' Bonds, $30.00; Discount on Notes, $100.00; Forest Warden, $100.00; Old Age Assistance, $7,000.00; Aid to Dependent Children, $4,100.00; Public Welfare, $1,000.00; Cemetery, $100.00; Snow Fence, $600.00; Becket Fire Department, $500.00; Becket Firemen, $100.00; Insurance on Buildings, $130.00; Veterans Aid, $300.00; Board of Health, $50.00; Workmen's Compensation, $418.00.

**Art. 19**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money from available funds in its treasury not to exceed $5,000.00 with which to purchase government bonds or to deposit in a Massachusetts Savings Bank at interest for the express purpose of creating a new school house fund.

**Art. 20**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Board of Health of this Town when needed toward the care and hospitalization of infants weighing four and one-half pounds or less at birth in accordance with Sec. 3, Chap. III of the General Laws as amended. (Chapter 601, Acts of 1949).

**Art. 21**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from overlay surplus to Reserve Account.

**Art. 22**—To choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurer of Wood and Bark, Sextons and Constables.

**Art. 23**—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

## TOWN OFFICERS IN 1949

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### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER
C. A. R. Simmons

### SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1951 |
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1950 |
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman | Term expires 1949 |

### ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Ernest Schulze | Term expires 1951 |
| Robert Smalley | Term expires 1950 |
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1949 |

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| May S. Sanderson, Chairman | Term expires 1951 |
| Venice J. Rock | Term expires 1950 |
| Clara A. Baker | Term expires 1949 |

### TREE WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

### AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR
Marguerite E. Schulze

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Selectmen

## APPOINTEES

### FOREST WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

## INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Ernest Schulze — Joseph N. Blotz

## FIELD DRIVERS

John L. Peer — C. A. R. Simmons — Emil Schulze

## POUND KEEPER

C. A. R. Simmons

## CONSTABLES

George H. Davenport — C. A. R. Simmons — Henry Rock
Louis Sheehan — Amos Gallant

## MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Philip Bohrer

## SURVEYOR OF LUMBER

Harry D. Olds

## FENCE VIEWERS

John Campbell, Sr. — Carl H. Peer — Philip Bohrer

## SEXTON

George N. Burnham

## MOTH INSPECTOR

Ernest Schulze

## SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

Amos Gallant

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Archie Daigle

## INSPECTOR OF ELECTRIC WIRING

Archie Daigle

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1949 APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Meeting February 7, 1949. Raised and Appropriated

| | |
|---|---|
| School | $13,980 00 |
| Town Shed, Pittsfield Road | 300 00 |
| Sons and Daughters Reunion | 25 00 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 25 00 |
| Tree Warden Expense | 25 00 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 50 00 |
| Gypsy Moth | 94 30 |
| Berkshire County Retirement Board | 139 12 |
| Tax Titles | 36 00 |
| Welfare Agent | 75 00 |
| Adding Machine | 125 00 |
| Chapter 81 | 843 60 |
| Chapter 90 Blotz Road | 1,000 00 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 500 00 |
| Snow Removal | 3,500 00 |
| Bridges | 400 00 |
| Appointed Officers | 100 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 500 00 |
| Town Officers | 950 00 |
| Officers' Bonds | 30 00 |
| Discount on Notes | 100 00 |
| Forest Warden | 100 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 5,000 00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 3,500 00 |
| Welfare | 200 00 |
| Cemetery | 100 00 |
| Snow Fence | 600 00 |
| Town of Becket Fire Department | 500 00 |
| Becket Firemen | 200 00 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 90 00 |
| Veterans' Aid | 200 00 |
| Board of Health | 50 00 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 461 03 |
| October Mountain Fire | 104 67 |
| Defray cost of transfer of Brown property for school | 25 00 |
| | $33,928 72 |

Art. 14—Voted to appropriate the sum of $529.20 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

Art. 16—Voted to authorize and direct the Assessors to use up to $5,000.00 from surplus revenue funds towards the reduction of its 1949 tax rate.

Art. 23—Voted to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from overlay surplus to Reserve Account.

Art. 25—Voted to appropriate the sum of $393.78 from available funds in the treasury submitted by the Conservation Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts towards payment of the amount due the men of this Town who assisted in extinguishing the fire on October Mountain.

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## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated Regular Town Meeting | | $461 03 |
| Appropriated Special Town Meeting | | 147 00 |
| Total available | | $608 03 |
| Stevenson & Co., additional premium per audit | $143 03 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., policy 58420 | 318 00 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., additional premium per audit | 147 00 | |
| | | $608 03 |

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## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $30 00 |
| C. D. Hebb Agency, Town Treasurer | $ 7 50 | |
| C. D. Hebb Agency, Town Clerk | 5 00 | |
| Mass. Bond and Ins., Tax Collector | 11 25 | |
| | | 23 75 |
| Unexpended | | $6 25 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $90 00 |
| Transferred from reserve account | | 1 87 |
| Total available | | $91 87 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., School Building | $11 88 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., Town Hall | 9 70 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., weights, measures and balances | 19 36 | |
| | $40 94 | |
| Less dividends | 6 14 | |
| | $34 80 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., Town Garage | 24 30 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., Town Equipment | 32 77 | |
| | | $91 87 |

## TOWN OF BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $500 00 |
| Fire Extinguishing Equipment Service | $500 00 |

## ADDING MACHINE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $125 00 |
| Berkshire Office Supply | 120 00 |
| Unexpended | $5 00 |

## TOWN SHED

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $300 00 |
| Harold Burnham, labor | $ 78 00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 30 00 | |
| L. P. Adams, 16 sq. shingles | 108 00 | |
| L. P. Adams, 26 lb. nails | 3 90 | |
| Rock Lumber Co., 212 ft. 1 in. boards | 12 42 | |
| Rock Lumber Co., 165 ft. 1 in. boards | 9 90 | |
| | | 242 22 |
| Unexpended | | $57 78 |

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $25 00 |
| George Sweet, music | | 24 00 |
| Unexpended | | $1 00 |

## EDEN GLEN POND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $25 00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 27 00 |
| Total available | | $52 00 |
| Abby & Sons, Bull Dozer | | $52 00 |
| Contributed by Bucksteep Manor for following | | $171 59 |
| Murray Stone, towing bull dozer | $15 00 | |
| John Campbell, Sr., labor | 93 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., labor | 50 00 | |
| Rice Bros., labor and material | 13 59 | |
| | | $171 59 |

## BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $139 12 |
| John J. Shields, Treasurer-Custodian | $139 12 |

## WELFARE AGENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $75 00 |
| John J. Campbell, Jr., Agent | $75 00 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $5,000 00 |
| Transferred from available surplus funds | | 1,450 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,856 85 |
| U. S. Grant carried from 1948 | | 75 84 |
| Total Available | | $9,382 69 |
| Expended town appropriations | $6,400 00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grants | 2,922 72 | |
| Total expended | | $9,322 72 |
| Unexpended town appropriation $50.00; U. S. $9.97 | | $59 97 |

Payroll Expenditures

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January 15 to 31 | $291 57 | |
| February 1 to 15 | 275 50 | |
| February 15 to 28 | 277 90 | |
| March 1 to 15 | 293 30 | |
| March 15 to 31 | 324 20 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 293 30 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 357 60 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 338 75 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 378 75 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 338 75 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 383 47 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 338 75 | |
| City of Springfield, O.A.A. bill | 201 59 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 544 75 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 338 40 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 447 48 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 347 80 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 396 58 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 391 20 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 557 16 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 447 50 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 536 20 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 487 20 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 735 02 | |
| | | $9,322 72 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation at Annual Town Meeting | | $3,500 00 |
| Transferred from available surplus funds | | 600 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 1,405 50 |
| U. S. Grant carried from 1948 | | 187 65 |
| Total Available | | $5,693 15 |
| Expended town appropriations | $4,100 00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grant | 1,520 29 | |
| Total expended | | $5,620 29 |
| Unexpended | | $72 86 |

Payroll Expenditures

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January 15 to 31 | $232 85 | |
| February 1 to 15 | 203 35 | |
| February 15 to 28 | 272 89 | |
| March 1 to 15 | 203 35 | |
| March 15 to 31 | 233 80 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 203 35 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 295 22 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 203 35 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 303 60 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 203 35 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 234 60 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 206 25 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 295 50 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 206 25 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 287 95 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 206 25 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 241 89 | |
| October 1 to October 15 | 192 55 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 237 30 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 206 35 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 236 35 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 206 35 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 231 19 | |
| January 1 to 15, '50 | 276 40 | |
| | | $5,620 29 |

FLOOD DAMAGE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Commonwealth Funds | | $5,100 39 |
| Amos Gallant, labor | $445 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 213 60 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 36 00 | |
| Clarence Kinney, truck | 60 00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., sand and gravel | 61 47 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 308 45 | |
| John Peer, truck | 287 25 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fred Loring, dynamite | $ 47 00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 92 70 | |
| John Kelley, lumber | 101 77 | |
| L. P. Adams, cement and nails | 164 50 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 198 60 | |
| W. A. Mercer, bull dozer | 680 00 | |
| W. A. Mercer, crane | 732 00 | |
| A. Cormier, truck | 24 00 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 268 00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 46 80 | |
| Robert Hansen, labor | 21 85 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 48 00 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 60 00 | |
| George Burnham, Jr., labor | 26 60 | |
| Abbey & Sons, 837½ yds. gravel | 176 75 | |
| Abbey & Sons, shovel | 112 00 | |
| Truck | 152 00 | |
| Town of Otis, grader | 180 00 | |
| B. Minor, operator | 54 00 | |
| B. Minor, transport. | 9 00 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 276 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 217 05 | |
| | | $5,100 39 |

## CHAPTER 81

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation Annual Town Meeting | | $ 843 60 |
| State Appropriation | | 13,000 00 |
| Total Available | | $13,843 60 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $1,237 50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 594 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 818 70 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 165 70 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 451 00 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 145 85 | |

| | |
|---|---|
| Philip Bohrer, labor | $ 195 75 |
| John Peer, truck | 298 50 |
| Edward Gallant, power mower | 285 00 |
| Town of Otis, grader | 1,010 00 |
| B. Minor, operator | 303 00 |
| B. Minor, transportation | 50 50 |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 188 15 |
| W. A. Mercer, crane | 108 00 |
| W. A. Mercer, shovel | 133 00 |
| A. Cormier, truck | 249 00 |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 616 50 |
| Robert Powell, labor | 588 00 |
| Abby & Sons, truck | 195 00 |
| Abby & Sons, bulldozer | 200 00 |
| Theodore Wood, labor | 314 00 |
| Edward Murray, truck | 146 25 |
| W. A. Tryon, hone and operator | 54 00 |
| W. A. Tryon, truck | 217 50 |
| Fred Connor, truck | 90 00 |
| Sandisfield, sander | 23 00 |
| P. Rote, sander operator | 28 75 |
| Fred Loring, compressor and jack hammer | 242 00 |
| Fred Loring, sander | 8 00 |
| Mt. Sand & Gravel, crane | 176 00 |
| Alton Davis, power sprayer | 40 00 |
| C. Kinney, truck | 135 00 |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 131 00 |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 92 00 |
| Joseph Palfini, truck | 60 00 |
| Claude Kimberly, truck | 36 00 |
| W. A. Mercer, truck | 72 00 |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 168 00 |
| Fred Loring, 16 rock bits, sharpened | 4 80 |
| Leona Fassell, 1930 yds. gravel | 193 00 |
| L. A. Harris, cutting culverts and post rods | 4 75 |
| L. A. Harris, 4 new irons | 75 |
| Henry Soucie, 26 fence posts | 39 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Hulbert Sales Co., 150 lbs. 60% dynamite | $ 32 25 | |
| 150 C.B. Caps | 17 63 | |
| 100 C.B. Caps | 11 75 | |
| Frank Howard, 6 shovels | 16 74 | |
| Frank Howard, 4 axes | 14 00 | |
| Frank Howard, 3 scythes | 7 50 | |
| Frank Howard, 3 rakes | 5 85 | |
| Frank Howard, thermos jug | 2 95 | |
| Lucon Incorp., 1 drum weed toxin | 160 90 | |
| Ray Bliven, 1 case No. 40 dynamite | 16 00 | |
| Ray Blivin, 3 box caps | 25 50 | |
| American Tar Co., 7571 gal. T6 tar, 4589 MC3 tar | 2,161 43 | |
| T. A. Frissell, 4 pr. boots | 34 00 | |
| L. P. Adams, 10 bg. cement | 11 50 | |
| L. P. Adams, 8 gal. paint | 39 15 | |
| L. P. Adams, 9 lb. nails | 1 35 | |
| L. P. Adams, 10 bg. cement | 11 00 | |
| L. P. Adams, sand paper | 60 | |
| L. P. Adams, linseed oil | 3 50 | |
| L. P. Adams, shellac | 90 | |
| L. P. Adams, bolts and washers | 1 35 | |
| L. P. Adams, sledge hammer handle | 65 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 84 T Bergraco | 462 00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 235 T ½ stone | 352 50 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 57.1 T sand | 48 54 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 100¾ T grits | 161 20 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 49 T grits | 73 50 | |

## CHAPTER 81 SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $17 50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 8 40 | |
| Town of Washington, tractor | 21 00 | |
| Charles Jenks, tractor operator | 7 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 7 00 | |
| Total expended | | $13,843 59 |
| Unexpended | | 01 |

## CHAPTER 90 BLOTZ ROAD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation Annual Meeting | | $1,000 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 1,000 00 |
| State | | 2,000 00 |
| Total Available | | $4,000 00 |

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|---|---|
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $281 25 |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 135 00 |
| Town of Otis, grader | 80 00 |
| B. Miner, grader operator | 24 00 |
| B. Miner, transportation | 4 00 |
| Rock Lumber Co., 63 ft. 2x4 | 3 78 |
| Rock Lumber Co., 64 ft. 2x8 | 4 48 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 217 00 |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 201 00 |
| Robert Powell, labor | 193 00 |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 16 00 |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 8 00 |
| Mt. Sand & Gravel, crane | 624 00 |
| L. P. Adams, 7 ton cement | 154 00 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co., 200 ft. 18 in. culvert, 52 ft. 30 in culvert, 52 ft. 36 in. culvert, 6 18 in. couplings, 2 30 in. couplings, 2 36 in. couplings | 1,124 85 |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 137 10 |
| Fred Loring, compressor and hammer | 28 00 |
| Fred Loring, dynamite | 6 37 |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 36 00 |
| Theodore Wood, labor | 96 00 |
| John Peer, truck | 141 00 |
| A. Cormier, truck | 36 00 |
| Clarence Kinney, truck | 45 00 |
| Joseph Fassell, mason | 144 00 |
| Irving Fassell, mason | 144 00 |
| W. A. Tryon, truck | 45 00 |
| Leona Fassell, 412 yds. gravel | 41 20 |

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|---|---|---|
| H. C. Shaw, 32 yds. stone | $ 8 00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 9700 lbs. (M) gravel | 4 85 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 4,5300 lbs. (C) gravel | 16 98 | |
| | | $3,999 86 |
| Unexpended | | 14 |

## CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation—Town of Washington | | $600 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 600 00 |
| State | | 600 00 |
| Total Available | | $1,800 00 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $15 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 7 20 | |
| John Peer, truck | 45 00 | |
| Abby & Sons, truck | 55 00 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 45 00 | |
| A. Cormier, truck | 36 00 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 30 00 | |
| W. A. Tyron, truck, hone and operator | 59 25 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 9 00 | |
| Sandisfield, sander | 12 00 | |
| Pearl Rote, sander operator | 15 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 12 00 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 12 00 | |
| Robert Powell, labor | 12 00 | |
| Theodore Wood, labor | 12 00 | |
| American Tar Co., 5550 MC3 tar | 989 90 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 289.1 ½ stone | 433 65 | |
| | | $1,800 00 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $950 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Clerk | $ 50 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Treasurer | 150 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Selectman | 50 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., Selectman | 50 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., Assessor | 30 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman Selectmen | 150 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, Tax Collector | 150 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, Auditor | 25 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Chairman Assessors | 50 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Tree Warden | 25 00 | |
| Robert Smalley, Clerk Assessors | 60 00 | |
| May S. Sanderson, Chairman School Committee | 10 00 | |
| Clara Baker, School Committee | 10 00 | |
| Venice J. Rock, Clerk School Committee | 50 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, 4 registrations | 8 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, 2 registrations | 4 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Inspector Animals | 30 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Inspector of Slaughter | 12 00 | |
| Archie Daigle, Sealer Weight and Measures | 10 00 | |
| Marie Peer, Ballot Clerk | 3 00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, Ballot Clerk | 3 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, Inspector Ballots | 3 00 | |
| | | $933 00 |
| Unexpended | | $17 00 |

## SNOW REMOVAL

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation Annual Town Meeting | $3,500 00 |
| Appropriation reduced at Special Town Meeting | 1,000 00 |
| Available | $2,500 00 |

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|---|---|
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $284 38 |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 1 20 |
| Amos Gallant, tractor plates | 2 00 |
| John Peer, truck plow | 455 50 |
| John Peer, sanding | 25 50 |
| Joseph Blotz, truck | 57 20 |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 40 38 |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 49 50 |
| Fred Connor, truck plow | 68 00 |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 48 60 |
| Richard Burnham, tractor operator | 8 05 |
| L. A. Harris, truck plow | 137 50 |
| L. A. Harris, sand spreader | 14 50 |
| L. A. Harris, repair to plow | 16 00 |
| L. A. Harris, repair to tractor | 8 00 |
| Norman Hulse, labor | 10 00 |
| George Burnham, Jr., labor | 7 60 |
| Claude Goodell, truck plow | 307 00 |
| L. P. Adams Co., 100 sx road salt | 115 00 |
| L. P. Adams Co., 10 ton salt, 2 sx chloride | 192 70 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 73 T 20 lb. sand | 62 23 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 98 T sand | 83 30 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 70¼ T sand | 59 74 |
| Charles Jenks, tractor operator | 59 00 |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 3 80 |
| Louis Blotz, sanding | 18 70 |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 101 20 |
| Fred Connor, Jr., labor | 11 00 |
| Hubert Salvini, labor | 3 00 |
| Emil Bohrer | 8 00 |
| Socony Vacuum, 167 gal. gasoline | 37 71 |
| Alton Davis, labor | 2 70 |
| Fred Strout, labor | 2 70 |
| George Davenport, 10 gal. gasoline | 2 40 |
| Leigh Davenport, labor | 7 75 |
| Robert Powell, labor | 60 50 |
| Robert Smalley, labor | 10 50 |

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|---|---|---|
| Edward Gallant, labor | $ 4 00 | |
| Charles Mallison, 15 gal gasoline | 3 68 | |
| Alfred Dean, labor | 6 50 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 4 00 | |
| General Sand & Stone, 66.55 T sand | 49 92 | |
| | | $2,450 94 |
| Unexpended | | $49 06 |

## OCTOBER MOUNTAIN FIRE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $104 67 |
| Appropriated from State Conservation Funds in treasury | | 393 78 |
| Total Available | | $498 45 |
| Ernest F. Schulze, labor | $44 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, labor | 31 00 | |
| Robert Smalley, labor | 21 00 | |
| John L. Peer, labor | 4 00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 37 00 | |
| Robert Powell, labor | 30 00 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 37 00 | |
| Robert Hansen, labor | 25 00 | |
| Leigh Davenport, labor | 14 00 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 4 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 16 00 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 14 00 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 22 00 | |
| John Gardner, labor | 5 00 | |
| James Rock, labor | 5 00 | |
| Ralph Simmons, labor | 4 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 10 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 34 00 | |
| Theodore Wood, labor | 5 00 | |
| Raymond Wood, labor | 5 00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| John Campbell, Jr., labor | $ 4 00 | |
| Zigmund Zaleski, labor | 12 00 | |
| Pasquali Poilucci, labor | 12 00 | |
| Edward Drosehn, labor | 12 00 | |
| Robert Sanderson, labor | 12 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, car | 16 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, car | 31 00 | |
| Robert Smalley, car | 12 00 | |
| Zigmund Zaleski, car | 6 00 | |
| Raymond Wood, car | 2 50 | |
| Roy Simmons, car | 3 00 | |
| Ralph Simmons, car | 2 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., car | 2 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, telephone | 1 95 | |
| Open Kitchen, sandwiches | 3 00 | |
| | | $498 45 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50 00 |
| Unexpended | $50 00 |

## VETERANS' AID

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $200 00 |
| Unexpended | $200 00 |

## BECKET FIREMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $200 00 |
| Unexpended | $200 00 |

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| Unexpended | $100 00 |

## CEMETERIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| George Burnham, labor | $100 00 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 30 14 |
| Total Available | | $130 14 |
| Pittsfield Nat. Bank, two notes (discount) | | $130 14 |

## REPAIR OF WATSON ROAD DAMAGE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated from available funds of Aetna Ins. Co., deposited to pay damages | | $100 50 |
| Amos Gallant, supt. | $30 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 14 40 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 22 80 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 15 20 | |
| George N. Burnham, labor | 7 60 | |
| Emil Schulze, 210 ft. logs | 10 50 | |
| | | $100 50 |

## VALLEY SCHOOL HOUSE LAND

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated special town meeting | $250 00 |
| New York Central R. R. Co. | $250 00 |

## GYPSY MOTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $94 30 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | $ 6 00 |
| Unexpended | $88 30 |

## BRIDGES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $400 00 |
| Rock Lumber Co., 1193 ft. 3 in. bridge plank | $83 51 | |
| Rock Lumber Co., 4 2x6 18 | 5 00 | |
| Rock Lumber Co., 12 2x14 14 | 27 44 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Rock Lumber Co., 160 ft. 3 in. plank | $ 11 20 | |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | 42 50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 20 40 | |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 6 00 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 15 40 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 24 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 34 00 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 34 00 | |
| Robert Powell, labor | 34 00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 34 00 | |
| L. P. Adams, 12 bolts and washers | 40 | |
| L. P. Adams, 50 lbs. 60 spikes | 6 00 | |
| | | $377 85 |
| Unexpended | | $22 15 |

## SNOW FENCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $600 00 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $77 50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 37 20 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 85 60 | |
| Leo Collalto, labor | 19 60 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 17 60 | |
| John Peer, truck | 12 00 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 19 60 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 58 00 | |
| Robert Powell, labor | 46 00 | |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 18 00 | |
| Charles Jenks, labor | 4 00 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 50 00 | |
| Carr Hdw. Co., one roll wire | 10 00 | |
| Dubl-Test Supply Co., 500 ft. 48 in. fence | 81 40 | |
| | | $536 50 |
| Unexpended | | $63 50 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $529 20 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | $16 00 | |
| Robert Powell, labor | 16 00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 16 00 | |
| Socony Vacuum Co., gas and oil | 6 20 | |
| L. A. Harris, repairs to tractor | 42 00 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., tractor parts | 255 20 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 8 00 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 16 00 | |
| L. P. Adams, sledge handle | 65 | |
| | | $376 05 |
| Unexpended | | $153 15 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $500 00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 31 78 |
| Total Available | | $531 78 |
| Hobbs & Warren, Town sheets and forms | $79 27 | |
| Mass. Selectmen's Assoc., 1949 dues | 10 00 | |
| Berk. County Selectmen's Assoc., 1949 dues | 3 00 | |
| Mass. Assessors' Assoc., 1949 dues | 6 00 | |
| John Corkhill, safety signs | 10 50 | |
| Davol Print House, 100 appro. forms | 1 75 | |
| Mass. Collectors' Assoc. | 2 00 | |
| Stevenson & Co., blaster's bond | 10 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, building fire, shovel snow at town hall town meeting | 3 00 | |
| Eagle Printing & Binding, 125 town reports | 153 70 | |
| Eagle Printing & Binding, 125 envelopes | 2 25 | |
| Eagle Printing & Binding, 125 ballots, 5 spec. ballots | 18 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, postage, mileage, telephones | 49 18 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Pittsfield Nat. Bank, check books | $ 6 79 | |
| Studley Press, 500 letterheads | 5 50 | |
| Studley Press, 500 No. 10 envelopes | 5 00 | |
| Berkshire Office Supply, clean, repair adding machine | 12 50 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, postage, mileage and telephones | 11 68 | |
| Ernest Schulze, postage | 1 28 | |
| West. Mass. Elec. Co., electric lights | 18 00 | |
| Barre Gazette, 150 MV Bills | 5 06 | |
| Barre Gazette, 100 poll tax bills | 4 54 | |
| Walter Dickie, recording deeds | 3 06 | |
| Walter Dickie, recording sales agreement and selectmen's report Valley school house property | 9 00 | |
| N. Y. C. R. R. Co., water rent | 5 00 | |
| Nat. Library Bind. Co., assessors' book | 3 26 | |
| Zigmund Zaleski, collect dog tax | 2 16 | |
| Alice Ende, repairs to broken windows | 12 35 | |
| F. X. Lang, registering notes | 4 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, recording births, deaths and marriages | 8 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, postage, mileage, phones | 38 55 | |
| Mass. Town Clerk's Assoc., dues | 3 00 | |
| Mrs. G. M. Purdy, real estate transfers | 15 00 | |
| J. Alfonso, intersection sign | 2 25 | |
| Venice Rock, telephones | 2 65 | |
| May Sanderson, telephone | 1 90 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., postage, mileage, assessors | 2 60 | |
| | | $531 78 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Unexpended balance 1948 | $142 89 |
| U. S. Grant 1949 | 32 75 |
| Total Available | $175 64 |

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|---|---|---|
| John Campbell, Jr., postage, mileage and telephone | $ 6 75 | |
| Dorothy Durant, stamped envelopes | 35 16 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, postage, mileage, telephone | 11 16 | |
| | | $53 07 |
| Unexpended | | $122 57 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Unexpended balance 1948 | $ 6 35 |
| U. S. Grant 1949 | 11 86 |
| Total Available | $18 21 |
| Harry C. Shaw, postage, mileage and telephone | 8 76 |
| Unexpended | $9 45 |

## EXPENSE OF TRANSFER BROWN PROPERTY FOR NEW SCHOOL

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $25 00 |
| Transferred from reserve account | 15 00 |
| Amount Available | $40 00 |
| Frances Brown, legal expenses | $40 00 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation Annual Meeting | | $200 00 |
| Appropriation Special Meeting | | 200 00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 63 07 |
| | | $463 07 |
| Case No. 54 | $460 07 | |
| Greater Boston Com. Council | 3 00 | |
| | | $463 07 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $100 00 |
| Robert Hansen, labor | $7 00 | |
| Theodore Peer, labor | 10 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, 20 permits, store equip. | 7 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, labor and mileage | 6 36 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., labor and mileage | 2 72 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 1 00 | |
| | | 34 08 |
| Unexpended | | $65 92 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $275 00 |
| Transferred to insurance on buildings | $ 1 87 | |
| Transferred to cost transfer Brown prop. | 15 00 | |
| Transferred to Eden Glen pond account | 27 00 | |
| Transferred to discount on notes | 30 14 | |
| Transferred to public welfare | 63 07 | |
| Transferred to miscellaneous account | 31 78 | |
| | | $168 86 |
| Unexpended | | $106 14 |

## DUTCH ELM DISEASE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | $10 00 |
| Unexpended | $40 00 |

## TREE WARDEN EXPENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $25 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, mileage | $ 84 | |
| H. W. Allen, mileage | 2 10 | |
| H. W. Allen, labor | 11 00 | |
| H. W. Allen, chain saw | 2 00 | |
| | | 15 94 |
| Unexpended | | $9 06 |

## TAX TITLES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $36 00 |
| Unexpended | $36 00 |

## RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Workmen's Compensation | $ 608 03 |
| Officer's Bonds | 23 75 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 91 87 |
| Town of Becket Fire Dept. | 500 00 |
| Adding Machine | 120 00 |
| Town Shed | 242 22 |
| Sons and Daughters Reunion | 24 00 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 52 00 |
| Berkshire County Retirement Fund | 139 12 |
| Welfare Agent | 75 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 9,322 72 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 5,620 29 |
| Flood Damage | 5,100 39 |
| Chapter 81 | 13,843 59 |
| Chapter 90, Blotz Road | 3,999 86 |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance | 1,800 00 |
| Town Officers | 933 00 |
| Snow Removal | 2,450 94 |
| October Mt. Fire | 498 45 |
| Cemeteries | 100 00 |
| Discount on Notes | 130 14 |
| Repairs to Watson Road | 100 50 |
| Valley School Land | 250 00 |
| Gypsy Moth | 6 00 |
| Bridges | 377 85 |
| Snow Fence | 536 50 |
| Machinery Account | 376 05 |
| Miscellaneous Account | 531 78 |
| Old Age Administration | 53 07 |
| Aid to Dependent Children Administration | 8 76 |
| Expense of Transfer of Brown Land | 40 00 |
| Public Welfare | 463 07 |
| Forest Warden | 34 08 |
| Tree Warden Expense | 15 94 |
| | $48,478 97 |

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY C. SHAW, *Chairman*
C. A. R. SIMMONS
JOHN CAMPBELL, Jr.
*Board of Selectmen*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1949 | | $30,965 57 |
| 1947 Property Tax | $ 42 24 | |
| 1947 Poll | 2 00 | |
| 1947 Interest | 2 71 | |
| 1948 Property tax | 527 78 | |
| 1948 Excise | 222 06 | |
| 1948 Poll | 10 00 | |
| 1948 Interest | 20 86 | |
| 1949 Property tax | 8,212 90 | |
| 1949 Excise | 385 93 | |
| 1949 Poll | 102 00 | |
| 1949 Interest | 1.87 | |
| | | $9,530 35 |
| Selectmen's Licenses | $ 625 00 | |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 4,002 77 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant | 2,856 85 | |
| Old Age Administration | 32 75 | |
| Old Age Reimbursements, other towns | 731 46 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, State | 1,768 42 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, Federal Grant | 1,405 50 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, Administration | 11 86 | |
| Corporation tax | 775 04 | |
| Meal tax, Old Age Assistance | 204 02 | |
| County Dog Refund | 108 82 | |
| Conservation | 393 78 | |
| State Forest | 104 67 | |
| Town of Washington, use of tractor | 21 00 | |
| Flood | 600 00 | |
| Refund Mass. Insurance and Bonding Co. | 4 25 | |
| Town of Hinsdale, plowing snow | 70 00 | |
| Department Agriculture | 15 00 | |
| Highway Loan | 15,900 00 | |
| Flood Loan | 4,550 00 | |
| Loss of taxes | 3,718 80 | |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance, County | 600 00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Chapter 90 Maintenance, State | $ 600 00 | |
| Chapter 90 Blotz Road, County | 1,000 00 | |
| Chapter 90 Blotz Road, State | 2,000 00 | |
| Chapter 81 due in 1948 | 2,875 39 | |
| Chapter 81 | 9,776 00 | |
| Flood Reimbursement | 4,500 39 | |
| Department Education | 3,583 75 | |
| Berkshire County Mosquito Control | 5 00 | |
| New England Tel. Co., repairs to road | 5 00 | |
| Franchise tax | 34 83 | |
| Vocational Education | 123 00 | |
| School Superintendent | 380 29 | |
| Tuition of Children | 582 03 | |
| Income tax | 5,509 69 | |
| Dog Licenses | 120 20 | |
| Pay Roll deductions, withholding tax | 1,178 20 | |
| Deductions, Berkshire Retirement System | 229 56 | |
| | | $111,499 24 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Selectmen's Orders | | $48,478 97 | |
| Schools | | 13,261 78 | |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | | 1,086 30 | |
| Pittsfield National Bank for Highway loan | | 15,400 00 | |
| Tax Refund | | 9 50 | |
| County Tax | | 677 24 | |
| State Parks | | 24 66 | |
| State Audit | | 332 71 | |
| Berkshire County Mosquito Control | | 79 65 | |
| Pittsfield National Bank for Flood Loan | | 4,550 00 | |
| Berkshire County Retirement System | | 229 56 | |
| County Treasurer, Dog Licenses | | 120 20 | |
| | | $84,250 57 | |
| Cash in Bank | $23,354 33 | | |
| Cash on hand | 3,894 34 | | |
| | | 27,248 67 | |
| | | | $111,499 24 |

## PITTSFIELD NATIONAL BANK STATEMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance December 31, 1949, as per statement | | $31,379 74 |
| Balance Balance Dec. 31, 1949 | | |
| as per check book | $23,354 33 | |
| Outstanding checks as per list Dec. 31 | 8,025 41 | |
| | | $31,379 74 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Treasurer*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Dog Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male, 34 at $2.00 | $68 00 | |
| Female, 5 at $5.00 | 25 00 | |
| Spayed female, 14 at $2.00 | 28 00 | |
| Kennel, 1 at $10.00 | 10 00 | |
| | $131 00 | |
| Fees retained | 10 80 | |
| | | $120 20 |

### Sporting Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident citizen's Fishing, 20 at $2.00 | $40 00 | |
| Resident citizen's Hunting, 12 at $2.00 | 24 00 | |
| Resident citizen's Sporting, 18 at $3.25 | 58 50 | |
| Resident citizen's Minor and Female, 9 at $1.25 | 11 25 | |
| Resident citizen's Trapping, 1 at $5.25 | 5 25 | |
| Non-Resident Fishing, Special, 1 at $1.50 | 1 50 | |
| Non-Resident citizen's Fishing, 1 at $5.25 | 5 25 | |
| Resident citizen's Sporting, free, 4 | | |
| | $145 75 | |
| Fees Retained | 15 50 | |
| | | $130 25 |

### Deaths

1949

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Feb. | 2 | George W. Prout, 70. |
| Feb. | 15 | Joseph Blotz, 78. |
| Mar. | 3 | Harry E. Sprague, 74 yrs., 5 mos., 20 days. |
| Apr. | 27 | Anna Haight Lappeus, 80 yrs., 2 mos., 27 days. |
| Nov. | 7 | Alice Geer Mecum, 89. |

## Marriages

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1949 | | |
| Feb. | 28 | William Donald Walden, Jr. and Kathleen Irene Honiker. |
| May | 2 | James S. Brown and Ruth M. Gilmore. |
| July | 4 | Ralph Colburn Radwich and Elaine Anna Madden. |
| Nov. | 5 | Allen Eames and Marie Anne Campbell. |
| Nov. | 24 | Robert S. Ellsworth and Flora Alice Rock. |

## Births

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mar. | 25 | Paul Edward Radwich, son to Norman J. Radwich and Elizabeth Mae (McNeil) Radwich. |
| July | 22 | Judith Ione Smalley, daughter to Robert E. Smalley and Louise Adele (Powell) Smalley. |
| Sept. | 27 | Robert Grant Jarvie, son to Alexander George Jarvie and Ruth Marie (Cullen) Jarvie. |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Town Clerk.*

## 1949 ASSESSORS' REPORT

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Town: | | | |
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation | | $33,425 72 | |
| Total appropriations from available funds: | | | |
| (a) in 1949 | $1,298 48 | | |
| (b) in 1948 since 1948 tax rate was fixed | 2,900 00 | | |
| | | $4,198 48 | |
| | | | $37,624 20 |
| 1949 Estimates | | | |
| State Parks and Reservation Tax | | $ 17 43 | |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts | | 161 52 | |
| Mosquito Control | | 79 84 | |
| 1948 underestimates col. 2 of cherry sheet | | 2 39 | |
| | | | $261 18 |
| 1949 County Tax | | | 516 90 |
| Overlay of Current Year | | | 479 84 |
| Gross amount to be raised | | | $38,882 12 |
| Estimated Receipts and Available Funds: | | | |
| Income Tax | | $7,387 13 | |
| Corporations Taxes | | 575 84 | |
| Reimbursement Account Public owned land | | 3,426 30 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | | 700 00 | |
| Licenses | | 500 00 | |
| Fines | | 50 00 | |
| Protection of Persons and Property | | 2 00 | |
| Health and Sanitation | | 15 00 | |
| Charities | | 1,200 00 | |
| Old Age Assistance | | 3,800 00 | |
| Old Age Tax (meals) | | 196 93 | |
| Schools | | 4,210 76 | |
| Interest on Taxes | | 20 00 | |
| | | | $22,083 96 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Overestimates of previous year to be used on available funds: | | |
| County Tax | $ 4 86 | |
| Mosquito Control | 10 52 | |
| Amounts to be taken from available funds: | | |
| $4,198.48 7/13/1949 | | |
| 3,000.00 7/13/1949 | 7,198 48 | |
| | | 7,213 86 |
| Total estimated receipts and available funds | | $29,297 82 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Net amount to be raised by taxation on Polls and Property | | | $9,584 30 |
| Number of Polls assessed 71. Poll Taxes | | | 142 00 |
| Total Valuation: | | | |
| Personal Property | $ 27,243 50 | P. P. Tax | $1,144 23 |
| Real Estate | 197,571 00 | R. E. Tax | 8,297 98 |
| | | Gain in fraction | 09 |
| Total Valuation | $224,814 50 | | |
| | | Total Taxes assessed | $9,584 30 |

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES

| No. of persons assessed | Individual | All others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On personal estate only | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| On real estate only | 86 | 6 | 92 |
| On both personal and real estate | 22 | | 22 |
| Total number of persons assessed | | | 122 |
| Number of polls assessed | | | 71 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Value of assessed personal estate: | | |
| Stock in trade | $ 300 00 | |
| Machinery | 22,050 00 | |
| Live Stock | 4,893 50 | |
| | | $27,243 50 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Value of assessed real estate: | | |
| Land, exclusive of buildings | $131,941 00 | |
| Buildings, exclusive of land | 65,630 00 | |
| Total value of assessed real estate | | 197,571 00 |
| Total value of assessed Estate | | $224,814 50 |

Tax rate per $1000.00—$42.00

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Taxes for State, County, and Town including overlay: | | |
| On personal estate | $1,144 23 | |
| On real estate | 8,297 98 | |
| On polls | 142 00 | |
| | | $9,584 21 |
| Omitted assessment | | $42 00 |

Number of live stock assessed:

| | |
|---|---|
| Horses | 24 |
| Neat Cattle | |
| Cows | 62 |
| Heifers | 20 |
| Bull | 1 |
| Swine | 4 |
| Sheep | 22 |
| Fowl | 931 |
| All other | 9 |
| Number of acres of land assessed | 13,359 |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | 89 |

## TOWN PROPERTY

| | Acres | Land Value | Exempt Buildings | Value | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall Right | ½ | $ 25 | Town Hall | $1,000 | $ 1,025 |
| | | | 2 Schools | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Part of Bennett Place | 1 | 100 | Garage | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 300 | Dam | 1,000 | 1,300 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| West Cemetery | 2 | 25 | | | 25 |
| Center " | 2 | 25 | | | 25 |
| Valley " | 4 | 50 | | | 50 |
| East " | 1 | 15 | | | 15 |
| | | | | | $7,240 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of motor vehicles and trailers assessed | 113 |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes assessed | $768 64 |

ERNEST F. SCHULZE
ROBERT E. SMALLEY
JOHN H. CAMPBELL
*Assessors*

## 1949 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Uncollected 1947 Taxes according to 1948 Report

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Uncollected prop. taxes | $42 24 | Uncollected 1947 poll tax | $2 00 |
| Collected and paid taxes | 42 24 | Collected and pd. Treas. poll tax | 2 00 |
| | | Uncollected 1947 poll tax | 2 00 |

1947 interest collected in 1949—$2.71

1948 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1948 prop. taxes | $7,400 00 | Real Estate Warrants | $7,073 86 |
| Pd. Treas. 1948 poll taxes | 114 00 | Personal tax warrants | 1,138 23 |
| Poll taxes abated in 1948 | 24 00 | Poll tax warrants | 154 00 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes 1949 | 10 00 | Omitted Tax | 11 70 |
| Poll tax abated | 2 00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 4 00 | | |
| Pd. Treas. in 1949 prop. taxes | 527 78 | | |
| Abated prop. taxes in 1949 | 95 40 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 200 61 | | |
| | $8,377 79 | | $8,377 79 |

1948 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. in 1948 | $687 08 | Warrants | $929 99 |
| Abated in 1948 | 9 33 | | |
| Paid Treas. in 1949 | 222 06 | | |
| Abated in 1949 | 3 24 | | |
| Uncollected | 8 28 | | |
| | $929 99 | | $929 99 |

1948 interest collected in 1949, $20.92

1949 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. prop. taxes | $8,212 90 | Real Estate warrants | $8,297 98 |
| Abated prop. taxes | 6 30 | Personal tax | 1,144 32 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 102 00 | Omitted per. tax | 42 00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 20 00 | Poll tax warrants | 142 00 |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 20 00 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 1,265 10 | | |
| | $9,626 30 | | $9,626 30 |

1949 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treasurer | $385 93 | Warrants | $768 64 |
| Uncollected | 382 71 | | |
| | $768 64 | | $768 64 |

1949 interest collected $1.87

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
*Collector of Taxes*

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1949

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $13,980 00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,995 00 | |
| Nellie J. Madigan | 1,900 00 | |
| Massachusetts Retirement | 257 56 | |
| Earl C. Suitor, Superintendent | 999 69 | |
| Superintendent expenses | 157 30 | |
| Rose Conley, school nurse | 35 00 | |
| Dr. George Breit | 50 00 | |
| C. W. Wallin, H. S. transportation | 1,345 05 | |
| George H. Davenport, H. S. transportation | 165 20 | |
| Henry E. Rock, Sr., H. S. transportation | 247 40 | |
| Charles Dery, H. S. transportation | 35 20 | |
| John Peer, local transportation | 2,189 50 | |
| Pittsfield H. S. tuition | 1,771 99 | |
| Dalton H. S. tuition | 232 57 | |
| Vocational tuition | 259 25 | |
| Town of Becket, elementary tuition | 601 37 | |
| Textbooks | 104 87 | |
| Stationery and Supplies | 176 17 | |
| Janitor | 317 50 | |
| Fuel | 124 67 | |
| Light and Water | 15 76 | |
| Repairs | 225 38 | |
| Library | 15 35 | |
| Miscellaneous | 4 24 | |
| School Committee | 13 50 | |
| New Equipment | 22 26 | |
| | | 13,261 78 |
| Unexpended | | $718 22 |

MAY SANDERSON, *Chairman*
CLARA A. BAKER
VENICE J. ROCK, *Secretary*
*School Committee*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Washington:

Herewith is submitted my fifth annual report as Superintendent of your schools.

We now have the site for a new school with adequate area and a water supply available. It would be highly desirable to have a building committee appointed and some plan inaugurated for the accumulation of funds for the construction. A legislative act to provide financial assistance to cities and towns in the construction of school buildings, which provides up to fifty per cent of the cost, expires on June 30, 1951.

A study of the 1949 expenditures show that the items of elementary and high school tuition were under estimated amounts included in the budget. The transfer of some of the pupils who had been attending the Becket School to the Valley School accounts for the lesser expenditure for elementary tuition. Transfers and changes in the high school enrollment account for the lesser amounts for the high school tuition. The increase in the 1950 budget of $737 over the 1949 budget is accounted for chiefly by the high school tuition costs and additional transportation costs over which we have little control. The high school tuition at Dalton High is $231 per pupil per year, and $237 at Pittsfield High. There is to be an estimated increase of seven pupils in the high schools.

The Net Cost to the Town

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures | | $13,261 78 |
| Receipts—1949 | | |
| From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | | |
| Chapter 70 | $4,543 69 | |
| Transportation | 3,583 75 | |
| Salary and Expenses of Superintendent | 380 29 | |
| Vocational School | 123 00 | |
| State Wards, Tuition | 582 03 | |
| Total Reimbursement from the State | | $9,212 76 |
| Net Cost of Schools to Washington | | $4,049 02 |

## Budget 1950

| | |
|---|---|
| Teachers' Salaries | $4,350 00 |
| Supplies | 175 00 |
| Textbooks | 100 00 |
| Janitor Supplies | 325 00 |
| Fuel | 175 00 |
| Lights and Telephone | 20 00 |
| Health | 85 00 |
| Superintendent's Salary and Expenses | 1,157 00 |
| Transportation | 4,399 00 |
| Tuition—Elementary | 525 00 |
| Tuition—High School | 3,056 00 |
| New Equipment | 75 00 |
| Repairs | 225 00 |
| School Committee | 15 00 |
| Library | 25 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 10 00 |
| Total | $14,717 00 |

### Estimated Net Cost of Schools to Washington—1950

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Budget for 1950 | | $14,717 00 |
| Estimated Receipts: | | |
| From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | | |
| Chapter 70 | $4,543 69 | |
| Transportation | 3,682 35 | |
| State Ward, Tuition | 336 75 | |
| Vocational | 442 00 | |
| Superintendent's Salary and Expenses | 746 66 | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | | $9,751 45 |
| Estimated Net Cost to Washington | | $4,965 55 |

Membership October 1, 1949

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dalton High School | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Pittsfield High School | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| Pittsfield Junior High School | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| St. Joseph's High School | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Pittsfield Vocational School | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Total High Schools | | | | | | | | | | 13 |
| Grades | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
| Mrs. Nellie Madigan | 2 | 9 | 6 | 6 | | | | | 23 | |
| Mrs. Maude May | | | | | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 20 | |
| Becket School | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 5 | |
| Total Elementary | | | | | | | | | | 48 |
| Total Elementary and High School | | | | | | | | | | 61 |

## Graduation—1949

### WASHINGTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Diplomas were awarded to:

Lawrence Burnham
Joyce Madigan
Marie McDougall
Richard Gillett

### BECKET SCHOOL

Laura Dennis

### PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Marie Campbell
Joan Goodell
Daniel Fleming
Theresa Rock

## School Calendar 1949-1950

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. | School begins Sept. 7, 1949 | 18 |
| Oct. | No school October 12 and 28 | 19 |
| Nov. | No school Nov. 11, 23 P. M., 24, 25 | 19 |
| Dec. | School closes Dec. 22 | 16 |
| Jan. | School opens Jan. 3 | 21 |
| Feb. | Vacation Feb. 20-26 inclusive | 15 |
| March | | 23 |
| April | No school April 7—Vacation April 17-23 inclusive | 14 |
| May | No school May 30 | 22 |
| June | School closes June 9 | 7 |
| Total | | 174 |

The work of the school is progressing with the usual problems and activities. Some new textbooks have been purchased. Necessary repairs have been made. Transportation problems have been met,

and adjusted. Holiday programs have been presented with the usual pleasure and satisfaction experienced by those who have attended.

The teachers have conscientiously done their work with multiple grades and a full school. It is for the best interests of the children that every parent cooperate with the teacher and assist the school in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUITOR,
*Superintendent of Schools*

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## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Earl C. Suitor,
Superintendent of Schools,
Washington, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Suitor:

The following report for Valley School is submitted.

April 29, 1949. A Dental examination of all pupils was given by Dr. Michael Shea of Pittsfield.

May 6th and 13th. Dental corrections were made by Dr. Shea. Number of operations 68. Parents were very cooperative in making this clinic a success.

Oct. 27, 1949. Physical examinations by Dr. George Breit of Becket, Massachusetts.

Defects found. Dental defects 7
Tonsillectomies recommended—5
Ears case 1. Eye case 1

A few cases of mumps have developed.

Colds are responsible for absence of some of the pupils.

I wish to thank the teachers for their helpfulness.

Sincerely,

ROSE K. CONLEY, R. N.

## REPORT OF AN AUDIT

December 20, 1949

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Harry C. Shaw, Chairman
Washington, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from November 26, 1948 to November 25, 1949, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
*Director of Accounts.*

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In compliance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Washington for the period from November 26, 1948, the date of the previous examination, to November 25, 1949, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the departments collecting or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 25, 1949.

The appropriations, as voted by the town meeting, were listed from the records of the town clerk and compared with the aggregate amounts raised by the assessors in the determination of the 1949 tax rate.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the records of licenses issued, the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, tax collector, and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and checked with the records

of departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on November 25, 1949 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the county retirement board were verified, and the balances in the general treasury on November 25, 1949 were proved.

The receipts for licenses issued by the board of selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists were audited and proved with the warrants given by the board of assessors. The collections, as recorded, were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' record of abatements granted, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand on November 25, 1949 was proved by actual count.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

Attention is again called to the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, which requires weekly payments to the treasurer of all money received during the preceding week.

The records of the public welfare department for aid to dependent children and old age assistance accounts receivable were examined and checked. The charges were listed, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and departmental accounts.

For the cooperation received from all town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
*Assistant Director of Accounts.*

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON

### Balance Sheet—November 25, 1949

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

**Assets**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | | $31,930 47 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1947, | | $ 2 00 | |
| Levy of 1948: | | | |
| Polls, | $ 8 00 | | |
| Personal Property | 139 86 | | |
| Real Estate, | 450 36 | | |
| | | 598 22 | |
| Levy of 1949: | | | |
| Polls, | $ 38 00 | | |
| Personal Property, | 160 30 | | |
| Real Estate, | 4,529 73 | | |
| | | 4,728 03 | |
| | | | 5,328 25 |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise: | | | |
| Levy of 1948, | | $10 28 | |
| Levy of 1949, | | 37 19 | |
| | | | 47 47 |
| Departmental: | | | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, | | $481 37 | |
| Old Age Assistance, | | 722 65 | |
| | | | 1,204 02 |
| State Aid to Highways, | | | 3,224 00 |
| Estimated Receipts, To Be Collected, | | | 1,178 93 |
| Revenue 1950, Appropriations Voted, | | | 2,250 00 |
| Underestimates To Be Provided For: | | | |
| State Parks and Reservations Assessment, | | $ 7 23 | |
| County Tax, | | 160 34 | |
| Audit of Municipal Accounts Assessment, | | 171 19 | |
| | | | 338 76 |
| | | | $45,501 90 |

**Liabilities and Reserves**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loan: | | | |
| In Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | | $20,450 00 |
| Payroll Deductions: | | | |
| Federal Taxes, | | $190 00 | |
| County Retirement System, | | 13 52 | |
| | | | 203 52 |
| Mosquito Control Assessment, Overestimate, | | | 19 |
| Excess from Sale—Land of Low Value, | | | 149 46 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | | 138 41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | | 342 80 |
| Federal Grants: | | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | | |
| Assistance, | $548 19 | | |
| Administration, | 140 48 | | |
| | | $688 67 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children: | | | |
| Assistance, | $508 00 | | |
| Administration, | 18 21 | | |
| | | 526 21 | |
| | | | 1,214 88 |
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances, | | | 7,441 09 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus | | | 1,248 78 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | | |
| Levy of 1947, | | $ 2 00 | |
| Levy of 1948, | | 374 53 | |
| Levy of 1949, | | 461 84 | |
| | | | 838 37 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise, | | $ 47 47 | |
| Departmental, | | 1,204 02 | |
| | | | 1,251 49 |
| Surplus Revenue, | | | 12,222 91 |
| | | | $45,501 90 |

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE TOWN OF

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AND

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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Eagle Printing and Binding Company
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## TOWN WARRANT
### February 12, 1951

Polls will open at 12 noon and may close at 6 P. M. The business meeting will open at 8 P. M.

**Art. 1**—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Art. 2**—To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers: one Moderator, one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one Assessor for two years; one School Committeeman, one Assessor and one Selectman for three years.

**Art. 3**—To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense of any suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 4**—To hear reports of the various Town Officers and to act thereon.

**Art. 5**—To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the School Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $14,295.00 or any other sum for the operation of the Schools or take any vote in relation thereto.

**Art. 6**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws, also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 7**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for the Sons and Daughters Annual Reunion.

**Art. 8**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for Eden Glen Pond.

**Art. 9**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for expenses of Tree Warden.

**Art. 10**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $258.03 for Pension Fund and Expense Fund as required by the Berkshire County Retirement Board and ordered by the Berkshire County Commissioners 1951.

**Art. 11**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the control of the Dutch Elm Disease.

**Art. 12**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $94.30 for Gypsy Moth work as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 660, Section 11, Acts of 1948.

**Art. 13**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account, $600.00 of which is to be used to pay first note on town's loader-tractor.

**Art. 14**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $36.00 for tax titles.

**Art. 15**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Agent of the Public Welfare, Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children and raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 for his services as said Agent and Supervisor.

**Art. 16**—To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, as amended. All salaries to be effective as of January 1, 1950.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Town Clerk | $50 00 | Chairman Assessors | $50 00 |
| Town Treasurer | 150 00 | Clerk Assessors | 60 00 |
| Tax Collector | 150 00 | 3rd Member Assessors | 30 00 |
| Auditor | 25 00 | Tree Warden | 50 00 |
| Chairman Selectmen | 150 00 | Chairman School Com. | 10 00 |
| 2nd Member Selectmen | 50 00 | Clerk School Com. | 50 00 |
| 3rd Member Selectmen | 50 00 | 3rd Member School Com. | 10 00 |

**Art. 17**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations) Maintenance of Highways, Chapter 81, $780.00; Chapter 90, Blotz Road, $1,000.00; Chapter 90, Maintenance, $600.00; Snow Removal, $2,000.00; Bridges, $500.00; Appointed Officers, $100.00; Miscellaneous, $500.00; Officers, $950.00; Tree Warden, $50.00; Officers' Bonds, $30.00; Discount on Notes, $275.00; Forest Warden, $100.00; Old Age Assistance, $8,000.00; Aid to Dependent Children, $4,000.00; Public Welfare, $1,300.00; Cemetery, $100.00; Snow Fence, $100.00; Becket Fire Department, $500.00; Becket Firemen, $100.00; Insurance on Buildings, $500.00; Civil Defense, $200.00; Veterans' Aid, $200.00; Board of Health, $50.00; Workmen's Compensation, $387.00.

**Art. 18**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from overlay surplus to Reserve Account.

**Art. 19**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Board of Health of this Town when needed toward the care and hospitalization of infants weighing four and one-half pounds or less at birth in accordance with Section 3, Chapter III of the General Laws as amended. (Chapter 601, Acts of 1949).

**Art. 20**—To see if the Town will vote to form a Public Welfare District together with the towns of Becket, Hinsdale and Peru, or any combination thereof, to be effective no earlier than July 1, 1951, or take any action relative thereon.

**Art. 21**—To choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurers of Wood and Bark, Sextons and Constables.

**Art. 22**—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

## TOWN OFFICERS IN 1950

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### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER
C. A. R. Simmons

### SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1951 |
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1950 |
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman | Term expires 1952 |

### ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Ernest Schulze, Chairman | Term expires 1951 |
| Robert Smalley, Clerk | Term expires 1950 |
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1952 |

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| May S. Sanderson, Chairman | Term expires 1951 |
| Venice J. Rock, Clerk | Term expires 1950 |
| Clara A. Baker | Term expires 1952 |

### TREE WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

### AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR
Marguerite E. Schulze

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Selectmen

## APPOINTEES

### FOREST WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

### INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING
Ernest Schulze Joseph N. Blotz

FIELD DRIVERS

John L. Peer C. A. R. Simmons Emil Schulze

POUND KEEPER

C. A. R. Simmons

CONSTABLES

George H. Davenport C. A. R. Simmons Henry Rock
Louis Sheehan Amos Gallant

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Philip Bohrer

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER

Harry D. Olds

FENCE VIEWERS

John Campbell, Sr. Carl H. Peer Philip Bohrer

SEXTON

George N. Burnham

MOTH INSPECTOR

Ernest Schulze

WELFARE AGENT

John Campbell, Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

Amos Gallant

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Archie Daigle

INSPECTOR OF ELECTRIC WIRING

Louis Baker

DOG OFFICER

Zigmund Zaleski

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1950 APPROPRIATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| School | $14,717 00 |
| Sons and Daughters Reunion | 25 00 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 50 00 |
| Tree Warden Expense | 25 00 |
| Pension and Expense Fund, Retirement Board | 208 96 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 50 00 |
| Gypsy Moth | 94 30 |
| Tax Titles | 36 00 |
| Welfare Agent | 75 00 |
| Chapter 81 | 780 00 |
| Chapter 90, Blotz Road | 1,000 00 |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance | 600 00 |
| Snow Removal | 2,000 00 |
| Bridges | 600 00 |
| Appointed Officers | 100 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 500 00 |
| Town Officers | 950 00 |
| Tree Warden | 50 00 |
| Officers' Bonds | 30 00 |
| Discount on Notes | 100 00 |
| Forest Warden | 100 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 7,000 00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 4,100 00 |
| Welfare | 1,000 00 |
| Cemetery | 100 00 |
| Snow Fence | 600 00 |
| Becket Fire Department | 500 00 |
| Becket Firemen | 100 00 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 130 00 |
| Board of Health (Premature Births) | 100 00 |
| Veterans Aid | 300 00 |
| Board of Health | 50 00 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 418 00 |
| | $36,489 26 |

Art. 13—Voted to appropriate the sum of $263.00 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

Art. 15—Voted to use up to $5,000.00 from surplus revenue to reduce 1950 tax rate.

Art. 19—Voted to take $5,000.00 from available funds in treasury to purchase bonds or to deposit in a Massachusetts Savings Bank at interest for the purpose of creating a new school house fund.

Art. 21—Voted to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from overlay surplus to Reserve Account.

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## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $130 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 70 94 |
| Total available | | $200 94 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., School Building | $49 50 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., Town Hall | 9 70 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., weights, measures and balances | 19 36 | |
| | $78 56 | |
| Less dividends | 6 47 | |
| Net | $72 09 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., School contents | 24 60 | |
| Additional amount on school | 2 19 | |
| Additional amount on garage | 2 75 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., Town Garage | 40 50 | |
| Town Garage Equipment | 32 77 | |
| Oliver Tractor & Loader | 26 04 | |
| | | $200 94 |

## BECKET FIREMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| Becket Firemen | $100 00 |

## BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $500 00 |
| Fire Extinguishing Equipment Service | $500 00 |

## CEMETERIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| George N. Burnham, Sexton | $100 00 |

## WELFARE AGENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $ 75 00 |
| John Campbell, Jr., Services as Agent | $ 75 00 |

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS REUNION

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $ 25 00 |
| Daniel Sweet, Music | $ 24 00 |
| Unexpended | $ 1 00 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $ 7,000 00 |
| Transferred from available surplus funds | | 1,500 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,694 40 |
| U. S. Grant carried from 1949 | | 9 97 |
| Total available | | $11,204 37 |
| Expended town appropriations | $ 8,500 00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grants | 2,360 23 | |
| Total expended | $10,860 23 | $10,860 23 |
| Total U. S. Grant unexpended | | $ 344 14 |

Payroll Expenditures

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January 1 to 15 | $453 00 | |
| January 15 to 31 | 568 50 | |
| February 1 to 15 | 453 00 | |
| February 15 to 28 | 526 44 | |
| March 1 to 15 | 392 65 | |
| March 15 to 31 | 654 72 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 392 65 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 486 99 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 392 65 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 467 95 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 392 65 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 439 90 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 392 65 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 473 19 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 392 65 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 493 69 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 392 65 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 444 55 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 392 65 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 436 65 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 392 65 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 484 40 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 311 30 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 327 95 | |
| January 1 to 15 | 304 15 | |
| | | $10,860 23 |

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation at Annual Town Meeting | | $4,100 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 1,796 00 |
| U. S. Grant carried from 1949 | | 72 86 |
| Total Available | | $5,968 86 |
| Expended town appropriations | $4,100 00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grant | 1,278 44 | |
| Total Expended | | $5,378 44 |
| Unexpended | | $ 590 42 |

Payroll Expenditures

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January 15 to 31 | $280 14 | |
| February 1 to 15 | 206 35 | |
| February 15 to 28 | 246 08 | |
| March 1 to 15 | 206 35 | |
| March 15 to 31 | 230 35 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 206 35 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 240 33 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 206 35 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 241 35 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 206 35 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 287 10 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 206 36 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 212 10 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 206 35 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 248 35 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 206 35 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 212 33 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 203 95 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 233 95 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 203 95 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 233 81 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 203 95 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 245 95 | |
| January 1 to 15 | 203 95 | |
| | | $5,378 44 |

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended from 1949 | | $122 57 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2 33 |
| Total Available | | $124 90 |
| Dorothy Durant, envelopes | $35 16 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, mileage, postage, telephone | 14 03 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., mileage, postage and telephone | 13 77 | |
| | | $62 96 |
| Unexpended | | $61 94 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Unexpended from 1949 | $9 45 |
| U. S. Grant | 79 |
| Unexpended | $10 24 |

## CIVIL DEFENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | $ 25 00 |
| Transferred from School Account | | 200 00 |
| Total Available | | $225 00 |
| Joseph Furlong, Jr., trip to Boston | $ 7 00 | |
| Joseph Furlong, 8 sheets dr. paper | 3 60 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., 6 bags coal | 7 50 | |
| Daniel Post, 1 mobile unit | 58 00 | |
| W. S. Darley Co., 7-E449 Sirens | 75 84 | |
| Mary A. Schulze, 1 cord wood (sawed) | 14 00 | |
| American Ry. Express, express on sirens | 3 36 | |
| | | $169 30 |
| Unexpended | | $55 70 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

For hospitalization of infants weighing 4½ lbs. or less at birth

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| Unexpended | $100 00 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50 00 |
| Unexpended | $50 00 |

## VETERAN'S AID

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $300 00 |
| Unexpended | $300 00 |

## CHAPTER 81

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated Annual Town Meeting | | $ 780 00 |
| State Appropriation | | 14,300 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | 4 16 |
| | | $15,084 16 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $1,710 81 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 750 90 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 115 75 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 1,109 25 | |
| Thomas Murray, spreader operator | 25 00 | |
| Norman Radwich, horse mower | 40 00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 176 50 | |
| Fred Loring, compressor | 128 00 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 30 00 | |
| Edward Gallant, tractor operator | 9 20 | |
| John Peer, truck | 503 75 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 375 20 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 11 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, Jr., labor | 545 00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 57 00 | |
| Anthony Cormier, truck | 18 00 | |
| Robert Hansen, power mower | 145 50 | |
| Mt. Sand and Gravel, crane | 64 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 607 75 | |
| Henry Lampro, labor | 10 00 | |
| Fred Hansen, power mower | 120 00 | |
| Francis Rock, labor | 8 00 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 22 50 | |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 417 00 | |
| Alfred Gwara, labor | 119 00 | |
| Town of Becket, spreader | 20 00 | |
| Town of Becket, snowplow | 4 00 | |
| Alfred Gwara, tractor operator | 72 45 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 48 75 | |
| Francis Trembly, helper | 7 20 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, truck | 21 60 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Town Tyringham, scraper | $ 85 00 | |
| Robert Smalley, labor | 2 50 | |
| Carl W. Peer, truck | 455 25 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 1,043 50 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 753 65 | |
| Theodore Wood, labor | 829 50 | |
| Robert Powell, labor | 484 50 | |
| Town Washington, loader | 488 80 | |
| Town Washington, tractor | 371 88 | |
| Amos Gallant, truck plow | 32 00 | |
| Theodore Wood, tractor operator | 52 33 | |
| L. P. Adams & Co., 15 T 900 salt | 326 75 | |
| L. P. Adams & Co., screws, bolts, washers, and paint | 47 03 | |
| L. P. Adams & Co., 3 bags cement | 3 45 | |
| L. P. Adams & Co., 4 scythes, 4 rakes, 2 rolls cord | 18 10 | |
| Leona Fassell, 205 yards gravel | 20 50 | |
| Roy Smith, lumber for signs | 24 64 | |
| A. L. Nash, 25 sign posts | 56 00 | |
| L. A. Harris, drill posts and reflectors | 11 95 | |
| L. A. Harris, water cooler brackets | 3 00 | |
| cutting culvert | 3 00 | |
| Mrs. Earl Levernoch, 3471 yds. gravel | 347 10 | |
| Hulbert Explosive Co., dynamite & fuse | 38 25 | |
| New Eng. Culvert Co., 94 ft. culvert, 4 coup. | 230 50 | |
| American Tar Co. 1817 gal. T 3 tar 3040 gal. T 6 tar | 756 81 | |
| American Tar Co. 1000 gal. M.C. 3 tar 1401 gal. M.C. 6 tar | 378 04 | |
| General Sand & Stone Co., 17.985 T grits | 272 78 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co. 66 T. Bergraco | 363 00 | |
| 175.15 T grits | 280 24 | |
| 2 T Bergraco | 11 00 | |
| | | $15,084 16 |

## CHAPTER 90, BLOTZ ROAD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $1,000 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 1,000 00 |
| State | | 2,000 00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 01 |
| Total Available | | $4,000 01 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $246 25 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 118 20 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 176 25 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 5 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 184 25 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 181 00 | |
| Theodore Wood | 181 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, Jr. | 217 00 | |
| Carl W. Peer, truck | 393 75 | |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 343 12 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., 5 bags cement | 6 50 | |
| Leona Fassell, gravel | 289 50 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 403 12 | |
| Town Washington, trac-loader | 280 83 | |
| Town Washington, tractor | 28 00 | |
| Robert Hansen, bulldozer | 50 00 | |
| Bernard Miner, grader operator | 24 00 | |
| Bernard Miner, transportation | 4 00 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 358 12 | |
| Town of Otis, grader | 80 00 | |
| John Peer, truck | 388 12 | |
| Town of Becket, stone rake | 12 00 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 30 00 | |
| | | $4,000 01 |

## CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $600 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 600 00 |
| State | | 600 00 |
| Total Available | | $1,800 00 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $44 38 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 16 50 | |
| Thomas Murray, sander operator | 14 38 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 27 50 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 31 25 | |
| Claude Goodell, Jr., labor | 27 50 | |
| Theodore Wood, labor | 27 50 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 43 13 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 37 50 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 75 00 | |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 41 25 | |
| Carl W. Peer, truck | 49 50 | |
| Andrew Cormier, truck | 6 00 | |
| Town of Becket, spreader | 11 50 | |
| American Tar Co., 5514 gal. M.C. 3 tar | 880 80 | |
| Town of Washington, tractor loader | 28 20 | |
| Town of Washington, tractor | 7 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 30 00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 249.5 T grits | 399 20 | |
| Town Tyringham, scraper | 1 60 | |
| | | $1,799 69 |
| Unexpended | | $ 31 |

## SNOW REMOVAL

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation Annual Town Meeting | $2,000 00 |
| Transferred from Snow Fence | 500 00 |
| Transferred from School Fund | 600 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | 81 66 |
| Total Available | $3,181 66 |

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|---|---|
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $336 90 |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 3 60 |
| Amos Gallant, truck plow | 22 00 |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 221 93 |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 23 00 |
| Amos Gallant, freight on cutters | 4 95 |
| Louis Blotz, labor | 4 00 |
| Claude Goodell, Jr., labor | 22 50 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 6 00 |
| Fred Connor, truck | 36 00 |
| Francis Rock, labor | 7 50 |
| Town of Becket, plow | 6 25 |
| Town Washington, tractor and plow | 173 07 |
| R. Cormier, labor | 7 00 |
| Robert Powell, labor | 76 00 |
| Fred Connor, Jr., helper | 7 20 |
| Fred Strout | 4 05 |
| Richard Burnham, tractor operator | 33 93 |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 71 50 |
| L. A. Harris, truck and plow | 22 50 |
| L. A. Harris, 1-400-8 Tube | 2 92 |
| L. A. Harris, material and labor on V and blade plows | 241 42 |
| L. A. Harris, material and labor on Monarch Tractor cab | 52 25 |
| John Peer, truck and plow | 465 63 |
| Edward Gallant, helper | 1 00 |
| Alfred Gwara, tractor operator | 35 64 |
| Alfred Gwara, labor | 5 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, truck | 13 50 |
| General Sand & Stone, sand | 62 26 |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 74 21 |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 2 50 |
| Claude Goodell, truck and plow | 621 25 |
| Claude Goodell, truck and sanding | 108 00 |
| Maine Steel Co., 2 cutting bars complete | 35 03 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., gravel and sand | 175 35 |

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|---|---|---|
| Becket General Store, kerosene | $ 90 | |
| Connelly Bros., heavy chain links (1300) | 86 95 | |
| Connelly Bros., presto | 7 95 | |
| Charles Lane, labor | 8 00 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., gasoline | 49 38 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 56 85/100 ton of sand | 42 64 | |
| | | $3,181 66 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated Annual Town Meeting | | $ 263 00 |
| Appropriated Special Town Meeting | | 1,000 00 |
| Total Available | | $1,263 00 |
| Bradford Glass Co., tractor windshield glass | $ 7 00 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., gas cap | 2 40 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., hinges for tractor | 20 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., files, enamel and turpentine | 10 31 | |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | 2 50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 1 20 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 8 00 | |
| Alfred Gwara, labor | 14 00 | |
| Connelly Bros., tractor cab mat | 5 00 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., 1141 gal. gasolene | 264 20 | |
| L. A. Harris, labor and material 88 trac. cab. | 146 72 | |
| L. A. Harris, welding and repair tractor parts | 6 00 | |
| L. A. Harris, repair chain | 1 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, trans. Cletrac | 8 20 | |
| Louis Blotz., trans. cletrac | 10 35 | |
| Levernoch Bros., 12 gal. No. 20 oil | 11 16 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor on tractor and cab | 15 00 | |
| Empire Steel & Tool Co., 1 Esto Chain Comp. | 31 89 | |
| Central Petroleum Co., 10 gal. hyd. oil and 5 gal. anti-freeze | 17 01 | |
| L. A. Harris, labor and material, cletrac | 4 12 | |
| draw bar and chain | 7 00 | |
| | | $573 26 |
| Unexpended | | $689 74 |

## EDEN GLEN POND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $50 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | 16 00 |
| Total Available | | $66 00 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | $ 8 00 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 8 00 | |
| Robert Hansen, bulldozer | 50 00 | |
| | | $66 00 |
| Contributed by Bucksteep Manor | | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co. | $15 22 | |
| Carl W. Peer, truck | 11 25 | |
| John Campbell, Sr., labor | 98 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., labor | 20 00 | |
| | | $144 47 |

## BRIDGES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $600 00 |
| Transferred to Miscellaneous | | 79 75 |
| Total Available | | $ 520 25 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $70 65 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 12 60 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 45 00 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 41 00 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., metal lathe | 27 20 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 4 10 | |
| Robert Powell, labor | 5 00 | |
| Theodore Wood, labor | 37 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, Jr., labor | 36 00 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., No. 60 nails | 12 00 | |
| L. A. Harris, threading bolts | 1 50 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, truck | 12 00 | |
| Rock Lumber Co., 2894 ft. plank | 216 20 | |
| | | $520 25 |

## SNOW FENCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $500 00 |
| Transferred to Snow Removal | | 400 00 |
| Total Available | | $100 00 |
| Dubl-test Supply Co., 500 ft snow fence | $73 90 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, truck | 3 00 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., roll wire (12) | 12 00 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., No. 20 nails | 3 00 | |
| | | $91 90 |
| Unexpended | | $8 10 |

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|---|---|---|
| Berkshire County Allotment on Cross Place Road | | $250 00 |
| John Peer, truck | $75 00 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 75 00 | |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 75 00 | |
| Carrie Levernoch, 250 yds. gravel | 25 00 | |
| | | $250 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Berkshire County Flood Money, County Road | | $200 00 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $17 50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 8 40 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 17 50 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 14 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, Jr., labor | 13 00 | |
| Town Washington, tractor-loader | 30 55 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 45 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 54 00 | |
| | | $199 95 |
| Unexpended | | 05 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $950 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | 10 00 |
| Total Available | | $960 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Clerk | $ 50 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Treasurer | 150 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Selectman | 50 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., Selectman | 50 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., Assessor | 30 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman Selectmen | 150 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, Tax Collector | 150 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Chairman Assessors | 50 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Tree Warden | 50 00 | |
| Robert Smalley, Clerk Assessors | 60 00 | |
| May S. Sanderson, Chairman School Committee | 10 00 | |
| Clara Baker, School Committee | 10 00 | |
| Venice J. Rock, Clerk School Committee | 50 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, 10 Registrations | 20 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, 5 Registrations | 10 00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Inspector of Animals | 30 00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, Ballot Clerk | 12 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, Inspector Ballots | 6 00 | |
| Henry Rock, Inspector Ballots | 3 00 | |
| David Watson, Inspector Ballots | 3 00 | |
| Florence Simmons, Ballot Clerk | 3 00 | |
| Charles Dery, Ballot Checker | 2 00 | |
| Joseph Furlong, Jr., Ballot Checker | 2 00 | |
| Marie Peer, Ballot Clerk | 9 00 | |
| | | $960 00 |

## TREE WARDEN'S EXPENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $25 00 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | $3 00 | |
| Robert Smalley, labor | 3 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, mileage | 72 | |
| | | $6 72 |
| Unexpended | | $18 28 |

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Zigmund Zaleski, Dog Officer | $10 00 | |
| Archie Daigle, Sealer Weights & Measures | 10 00 | |
| Louis Baker, Inspector Elec. Wiring | 10 00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, Inspector Slaughtering | 10 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Inspect. Slaughtering | 3 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, 12 reports | 1 20 | |
| | | $44 20 |
| Unexpended | | $55 80 |

## GYPSY MOTH

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $94 30 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | $14 00 | 14 00 |
| Unexpended | | $80 30 |

## DUTCH ELM DISEASE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50 00 |
| Unexpended | $50 00 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $275 00 |
| Insurance on Buildings | $44 90 | |
| Interest on notes | 31 44 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 16 00 | |
| Insurance on Buildings (increased) | 26 04 | |
| Interest on notes | 34 60 | |
| Chapter 90 | 01 | |
| Civil Defense | 25 00 | |
| Chapter 81 | 4 16 | |
| Officers' Account | 10 00 | |
| Snow Removal | 81 66 | |
| | | $273 81 |
| Unexpended | | $1 19 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, Fire Wagner's lot | $ 6 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, patrolling | 2 00 | |
| Edward Fitzpatrick, labor | 2 00 | |
| Joseph Furlong, Jr., labor | 4 00 | |
| John Peer, labor | 7 00 | |
| John Peer, phone | 45 | |
| George N. Burnham, Sr., labor | 2 00 | |
| George N. Burnham, Jr., labor | 2 00 | |
| Bruce Burnham, labor | 2 00 | |
| Lawrence Burnham, labor | 2 00 | |
| Edward Collins, labor | 1 00 | |
| Leigh Davenport, labor | 1 00 | |
| Hayden Allen, shovel | 1 50 | |
| Becket Firemen, labor, Summit Hill fire | 24 00 | |
| Fred Hansen, Sr., labor | 1 00 | |
| Fred Hansen, Jr., labor | 2 00 | |
| Philip Bohrer, labor | 1 00 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 1 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, labor | 1 00 | |
| Adolph Derosier, labor Wagner lot | 3 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, 8 permits and storing equipment | 5 98 | |
| | | $71 93 |
| Unexpended | | $28 07 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State Highway Allotment Emergency Flood Repairs | | $3,000 00 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $42 50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 20 40 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 25 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 24 00 | |
| Theodore Wood, labor | 12 00 | |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 12 00 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Claude Goodell, Jr., labor | $ 24 00 | |
| Town Washington, tractor-loader | 47 00 | |
| Carl W. Peer, truck | 92 25 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 108 00 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 86 25 | |
| John Peer, truck | 86 25 | |
| | | $579 65 |
| Unexpended to carry into 1951 | | $2,420 35 |

## PRELIMINARY PLANS NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $150 00 |
| Bradley & Gass, plans | 125 00 |
| Unexpended | $25 00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $500 00 |
| Transferred from Bridge Account | | 79 75 |
| Total Available | | $579 75 |
| Mass. Selectmen's Assoc. 1950 dues | $10 00 | |
| William Shandoff, No. 2774 Journal | 5 70 | |
| Western Mass. Electric Co., electric lights | 18 00 | |
| Eagle Printing & Binding, 125 town reports | 153 70 | |
| Eagle Printing & Binding, 135 ballots | 18 75 | |
| Eagle Printing & Binding, 125 envelopes | 1 50 | |
| Mass. Coll. & Treas. Assoc., 1950 dues | 4 00 | |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., standard town forms | 12 22 | |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., Assessor's books and forms | 38 64 | |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., Tax Collector's forms | 15 97 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mass. Town Clerk's Assoc., 1950 dues | $ 5 00 | |
| Barre Gazette, 100 poll tax bills | 4 50 | |
| Barre Gazette, 150 M.V. bills | 5 05 | |
| Stevens & Co., blast bond | 10 00 | |
| Francis X. Lang, registration of notes | 12 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, build fires and shovel snow at town hall | 4 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, wood at town hall | 1 00 | |
| Pittsfield Nat. Bank., print check books | 7 69 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, recording births, deaths and marriages | 8 50 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, postage, mileage and phones | 38 75 | |
| LeRoy E. Shaw, real estate conveyances | 10 50 | |
| Louis Baker, mileage | 1 50 | |
| Mass. Assessor's Assoc., 1950 dues | 3 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, tractor-loader plates | 2 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, 4 observ. post windows | 4 00 | |
| Mass. Assessor's Assoc., county dues | 3 00 | |
| Hedge & Matheise Co., water tank & cooler | 21 85 | |
| Hedge & Matheise Co., 5000 Dixie cups | 11 30 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, telephone & telegrams, postage and mileage | 64 18 | |
| John Corkhill, 2 safety road signs | 6 00 | |
| L. A. Harris, cutting and drilling sign posts | 1 50 | |
| L. A. Harris, repairs to water cooler | 1 50 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, postage and telephone | 9 62 | |
| New York Central R.R., water rent | 5 00 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., stove pipe and elbows | 5 59 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., 4 bolts and nuts | 16 | |
| Ernest Schulze, perambulating and transportation | 9 96 | |
| Ernest Schulze, postage and telephone | 2 34 | |
| Registrar of Deeds, registration of deed Brown school land grant | 3 00 | |
| Venice J. Rock, telephones | 2 60 | |
| | | $543 57 |
| Unexpended | | $36 18 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated Annual Town Meeting | | $100 00 |
| Transferred from reserve | | 66 04 |
| Total Available | | $166 04 |
| Pittsfield National Bank | $131 44 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., June 15 to Sept. 12 | 34 60 | |
| | | $166 04 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated Annual Town Meeting | | $1,000 00 |
| Transferred from available surplus funds | | 300 00 |
| Total Available | | $1,300 00 |
| Case No. 54 | $1,129 00 | |
| Greater Boston Common Council Social Service | 10 00 | |
| Westfield Sanitorium | 97 14 | |
| | | $1,236 14 |
| Unexpended | | $63 86 |

## BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $208 96 |
| John J. Shields, Treasurer-Custodian | 208 96 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $418 00 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., policy 720577 | $318 00 | |
| E. H. Pierce & Co., additional premium policy 720577 per audit | 94 15 | |
| | | $412 15 |
| Unexpended | | $5 85 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $30 00 |
| C. D. Hebb Agency, Town Clerk | $5 00 | |
| C. D. Hebb Agency, Town Treas. | 7 50 | |
| C. D. Hebb Agency, Bond, Deputy Tax Collector | 5 00 | |
| Mass. Bond and Ins. Tax Coll. | 11 25 | |
| | | $28 75 |
| Unexpended | | $1 25 |

## OLIVER 88 TRACTOR-LOADER

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $3,461 97 |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., tractor-loader | 3,461 97 |

## RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Civil Defense | $169 30 |
| Gypsy Moth | 14 00 |
| Forest Warden | 71 93 |
| State Fund, Emergency Road Repair | 579 65 |
| Appointed Officers | 44 20 |
| Berkshire County Flood Fund | 199 95 |
| Berkshire County Cross Place Road Fund | 250 00 |
| Snow Fence | 91 90 |
| Bridges | 520 25 |
| Sons & Daughters Reunion | 24 00 |
| Machinery Account | 573 26 |
| Welfare Agent | 75 00 |
| Cemeteries | 100 00 |
| Tree Warden's Expense | 6 72 |
| Town Officers | 960 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Chapter 90, Blotz Road | $ 4,000 01 |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance | 1,799 69 |
| Chapter 81 | 15,084 16 |
| Preliminary Plans for New School House | 125 00 |
| Snow Removal | 3,181 66 |
| Town of Becket Fire Equipment | 500 00 |
| Town of Becket Firemen | 100 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 10,860 23 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 200 94 |
| Officers' Bonds | 28 75 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 412 15 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 5,378 44 |
| Berkshire County Retirement Fund | 208 96 |
| Old Age Administration | 62 96 |
| Public Welfare | 1,236 14 |
| Miscellaneous | 543 57 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 66 00 |
| Discount on Notes | 166 04 |
| Oliver 88 Tractor-loader | 3,461 97 |
| | $51,096 83 |

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY C. SHAW, *Chairman*
C. A. R. SIMMONS
JOHN CAMPBELL, Jr.

*Board of Selectmen*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1950 | | $27,248 67 |
| 1947 Poll tax | $ 2 00 | |
| 1948 Poll tax | 4 00 | |
| 1949 Poll tax | 20 00 | |
| 1950 Poll tax | 110 00 | |
| 1948 Excise | 8 28 | |
| 1949 Excise | 373 14 | |
| 1950 Excise | 1,030 71 | |
| 1948 Property | 170 28 | |
| 1949 Property | 1,109 71 | |
| 1950 Property | 10,689 65 | |
| Interest | 51 26 | |
| | | $13,569 03 |
| Selectmen's Licenses | $ 613 50 | |
| Chapter 81, due in 1949 | 3,224 00 | |
| Chapter 81, 1950 contract | 10,000 00 | |
| Chapter 90, Blotz Road, State | 2,000 00 | |
| Chapter 90, Blotz Road, County | 1,000 00 | |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance, State | 599 90 | |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance, County | 599 90 | |
| Payroll Deductions, Withholding tax | 1,249 80 | |
| Deductions, Berkshire Co. Retirement System | 303 65 | |
| Dog refund, County | 99 17 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal | 2,694 40 | |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 6,470 51 | |
| Old Age Assistance, other towns | 518 85 | |
| Old Age Administration | 2 33 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, Federal | 1,796 00 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, State | 1,826 61 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, Administration | 79 | |
| Tractor Earnings | 1,455 33 | |
| Income Tax | 5,008 69 | |
| Corporation Tax | 577 11 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day Trust Co., loan | $ 3,001 17 | |
| Freight refund on snow fence | 46 | |
| District Court | 50 00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 143 00 | |
| Pittsfield National Bank, loan on Highways | 16,900 00 | |
| Meal tax | 209 77 | |
| Town of Hinsdale, plowing snow | 115 00 | |
| Town of Becket, use of loader | 119 62 | |
| Town of Tyringham, use of loader | 250 75 | |
| Division of Livestock, disease control | 15 00 | |
| Tuition, welfare | 335 22 | |
| Cross Place Road | 250 00 | |
| Berkshire County for Flood | 199 95 | |
| Loss of taxes | 6,314 15 | |
| Vocational Education | 85 00 | |
| School Superintendent | 715 44 | |
| | | $68,781 07 |
| | | $109,598 77 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Selectmen's orders | $51,096 83 | |
| Schools | 13,394 47 | |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 1,190 10 | |
| Berkshire County Retirement System | 303 65 | |
| County Treasurer, dog licenses | 143 00 | |
| Pittsfield National Bank for Highway loan | 15,900 00 | |
| County tax | 703 71 | |
| State Parks | 26 74 | |
| State Parks | 2 91 | |
| State Audit | 129 34 | |
| Berkshire County Mosquito Control | 74 66 | |
| Tax refunds | 33 74 | |
| | | $82,999 15 |
| Cash in Bank | $15,237 57 | |
| Cash on hand | 11,362 05 | |
| | | 26,599 62 |
| | | $109,598 77 |

## PITTSFIELD NATIONAL BANK STATEMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance December 31, 1950 as per statement | | $20,134 49 |
| Balance as per check book Dec. 31, 1950 | $15,237 57 | |
| Outstanding checks as per list Dec. 31 | 4,896 92 | |
| | | $20,134 49 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Treasurer*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Dog Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male, 37 at $2.00 | $74 00 | |
| Female, 9 at $5.00 | 45 00 | |
| Spayed, 13 at $2.00 | 26 00 | |
| Kennel, 1 at $10.00 | 10 00 | |
| | $155 00 | |
| Fees retained | 12 00 | |
| | | $143 00 |

### Sporting License

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident citizen Fishing, 21 at $2.00 | $42 00 | |
| Resident citizen Hunting, 10 at $2.00 | 20 00 | |
| Resident citizen's Sporting, 21 at $3.25 | 68 25 | |
| Resident citizen's Minor and Female, 9 at $1.25 | 11 25 | |
| Resident citizen's Trapping, 2 at $5.25 | 10 50 | |
| Non-Resident fishing, 2 at $1.50 | 3 00 | |
| Resident citizen's Sporting, free, 3 | | |
| | $155 00 | |
| Fees Retained | 16 25 | |
| | | $138 75 |

### Deaths

1950

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Feb. | 11 | Louis Henry Denslow, 87 yrs., 5 mos., 21 days. |
| May | 7 | Laura Allen, 80 yrs., 8 mos., 11 days. |
| June | 28 | Annie Smith Cook, 60 yrs., 5 mos., 17 dys. |
| July | 3 | Leon Peter Stomski, 69 yrs. |
| Oct. | 19 | Fred Henry Hutchinson, 73 yrs., 6 mos., 18 days. |
| Nov. | 20 | James A. Dalton, 93 yrs. |
| Nov. | 22 | Austin A. Cook, 84 yrs., 4 mos., 21 days. |
| Nov. | 29 | Ethel May Burnham, 58 yrs., 1 mo., 23 days. |

## Births

1950

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 27 | Mary Ellen Hatch, daughter to Philip Joseph Hatch and Florence Catherine (Young) Hatch. |
| Mar. | 3 | Vivian Alice Beckwith, daughter to Walter Beckwith and Ruth Corey Beckwith. |
| Mar. | 10 | Joseph Henry Methe, son to Andrew I. Methe and Mary Jane (Rock) Methe. |

## Marriages

1950

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 26 | Theodore M. Wood and Therese Reilly. |
| July | 29 | Thomas W. Santos and Elizabeth Ann Cole. |
| Oct. | 21 | Roy G. Simmons and Joan Beverly Connelly. |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Town Clerk*

## 1950 ASSESSORS' REPORT

Town:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation | | $36,639 26 | |
| Total appropriations approved to be taken from available funds: | | | |
| (a) In 1950 | $6,038 00 | | |
| (b) In 1949 since 1949 tax rate | 2,250 00 | | |
| | | 8,288 00 | |
| | | | $44,927 26 |

1950 Estimates

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| State Parks and Reservations | $ 22 41 | |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts | 129 34 | |
| Mosquito Control | 78 83 | |
| 1949 underestimates State Parks and Reservations | 7 23 | |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts | 171 19 | |
| | | $409 00 |
| 1950 County Tax | $778 83 | |
| 1949 County Tax (underestimate) | 160 34 | |
| | | $939 17 |
| Overlay of Current Year | | 399 74 |
| Gross amount to be raised | | $46,675 17 |

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

| | |
|---|---|
| Income Tax | $5,122 18 |
| Corporation Taxes | 826 52 |
| Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land | 7,693 20 |
| Chapter 804, Acts of 1949 | 89 61 |
| Old Age Tax (meals) | 191 27 |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise | 500 00 |
| Licenses | 600 00 |
| Protection of Persons and Property | 15 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Charities (other than Federal Grants) | $ 1,500 00 | |
| Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants) | 4,470 00 | |
| Schools | 4,000 00 | |
| Interest on Taxes | 20 00 | |
| | | $25,027 78 |
| Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds: | | |
| Mosquito Control | $ 5 19 | |
| Amounts to be taken from available funds with Commissioner approval: | | |
| $5,275 00 5—10—1950 | | |
| 3,013 00 5—17—1950 | 8,288 00 | |
| | | $8,293 19 |
| Total estimated receipts and available funds | | $33,320 97 |
| Net amount to be raised by taxation on Polls and Property | | $13,354 20 |
| Number of Polls assessed 74. Poll Taxes | | 148 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Valuation: | | | |
| Personal Property | $ 28,597 00 | P. P. Tax | $ 1,658 62 |
| Real Estate | 199,096 00 | Real Estate Tax | 11,547 57 |
| | | Gain in fraction | 01 |
| Total Valuation $227,693 00 | | | |
| Total Taxes Levied on polls, property | | | $13,354 20 |

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

| No. of persons assessed | Individual | All others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On personal estate only | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| On real estate only | 81 | 6 | 87 |
| On both personal and real estate | 29 | — | 29 |
| Total number of persons assessed | | | 126 |
| Number of polls assessed | | | 74 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Value of assessed personal estate: | | |
| Stock in trade | $ 800 00 | |
| Machinery | 4,205 00 | |
| Live stock | 4,392 00 | |
| All other Tangible Personal Property | 19,200 00 | |
| Total value of assessed personal estate | | $28,597 00 |
| Value of assessed real estate: | | |
| Land, exclusive of buildings | $130,926 00 | |
| Buildings exclusive of land | 68,170 00 | |
| Total value of assessed real estate | | $199,096 00 |
| Total value of assessed estate | | $227,693 00 |
| Tax rate per $1,000.00—$58.00 | | |
| Taxes for State, County, and Town including overlay: | | |
| On personal estate | $ 1,658 63 | |
| On real estate | 11,547 57 | |
| On polls | 148 00 | |
| Total taxes assessed | | $13,354 20 |
| Omitted assessment | | $ 118 90 |
| Number of live stock assessed: | | |
| Horses | | 16 |
| Neat cattle, 1 year old, or over | | |
| Cows, milch | | 44 |
| Bulls | | 1 |
| Heifers | | 19 |
| Swine (6 months old or over) | | 3 |
| Sheep (6 months old or over) | | 12 |
| Fowl | | 1,490 |
| All other | | 26 |
| Number of acres of land assessed | | 13,071 |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | | 90 |
| Number of motor vehicles and trailers assessed | | 120 |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes assessed | | $1,390 29 |

## TOWN PROPERTY

| | Acres | Land Value | Exempt Buildings | Value | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall Right | ½ | 25 | Town Hall | $1,000 | $1,025 |
| Railroad Lot | 23340 ft. | | 2 Schools | $1,500 | 1,500 |
| Part of Bennett Place | 1 | 100 | Garage | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Part of Campbell Lot | 3 | 300 | Dam | 1,000 | 1,300 |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Ruppert Pomeroy Lot | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| West Cemetery | 2 | 25 | | | 25 |
| Center Cemetery | 2 | 25 | | | 25 |
| Valley Cemetery | 4 | 50 | | | 50 |
| East Cemetery | 1 | 15 | | | 15 |
| Total value | | | | | $7,175 |

| TOWN PERSONAL PROPERTY | Value |
|---|---|
| Town Hall Furniture | $ 250 |
| Road Machinery Tools and Tractor | 1,500 |
| Snow Plow and Tractor | 1,500 |
| Library | 300 |
| Forest Warden Equipment | 150 |
| Sealers of Weights and Measures | 200 |
| | $3,900 |

ERNEST F. SCHULZE
ROBERT E. SMALLEY
JOHN H. CAMPBELL, JR.

*Assessors*

## 1950 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### 1947 Taxes
According to 1949 Town Report

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Uncollected 1947 poll tax | $2 00 | Collected and pd. Treas. poll tax | $ 2 00 |

1947 interest collected in 1950—.23

### 1948 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1948 prop. taxes | $7,400 00 | Real Estate Warrants | $7,073 86 |
| Pd. Treas. 1948 poll taxes | 114 00 | Personal Warrants | 1,138 23 |
| Poll taxes abated in 1948 | 24 00 | Poll tax warrants | 154 00 |
| Pd. Treas., 1949 poll taxes | 10 00 | Omitted tax warrants | 11 70 |
| Poll tax abated | 2 00 | | |
| Pd. Treas., 1950 poll taxes | 4 00 | | |
| Pd. Treas., 1949 prop. taxes | 527 78 | | |
| Abated prop. taxes in 1949 | 95 40 | | |
| Pd. Treas., 1950 prop. taxes | 170 28 | | |
| Uncollected property | 30 33 | | |
| | $8,377 79 | | $8,377 79 |

### 1947 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Uncollected in 1949 | $8 28 | Collected and pd. Treas. | $8 28 |

1948 Interest collected in 1950—$12.57

### 1949 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas., 1949 prop. taxes | $8,212 90 | Real Estate warrants | $8,297 98 |
| Abated prop. taxes | 6 30 | Personal warrants | 1,144 32 |
| Pd. Treas., 1949 poll taxes | 102 00 | Omitted per. tax | 42 00 |
| Abated poll taxes, 1949 | 20 00 | Poll tax warrant | 142 00 |
| Collected and pd. Treas. 1950 | 20 00 | | |
| Collected and pd. Treas., 1950 property taxes | 1,109 71 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 155 39 | | |
| | $9,626 30 | | $9,626 30 |

1949 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1949 | $385 93 | Warrants | $768 64 |
| Paid Treas. in 1950 | 373 14 | | |
| Abated in 1950 | 9 57 | | |
| | $768 64 | | $768 64 |

1949 interest collected in 1950—$34.98

1950 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1950 prop. taxes | $10,667 53 | Real Est. warrants | $11,547 57 |
| Abated prop. taxes | 46 40 | | 1,658 63 |
| Abated prop. taxes ref. | 22 12 | | 118 90 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 110 00 | | 148 00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 16 00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 22 00 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 2,589 05 | | |
| | $13,473 10 | | $13,473 10 |

1950 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. in 1950 | $ 1,019 09 | Excise warrants | $1,390 29 |
| Abated | 16 40 | | |
| Abated and refunded | 11 62 | | |
| Uncollected | 343 18 | | |
| | $1,390 29 | | $1,390 29 |

Total Interest collected in 1950—$3.48

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
*Collector of Taxes*

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $14,717 00 |
| Transferred to other accounts | | $ 800 00 |
| | | $13,917 00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $2,090 00 | |
| Nellie J. Madigan | 1,197 00 | |
| Mrs. A. Ray Kimball | 760 00 | |
| Massachusetts Retirement | 268 00 | |
| Earl C. Suitor, Superintendent | 1,055 93 | |
| Superintendent expenses | 177 17 | |
| Rose Conley, school nurse | 35 00 | |
| Dr. George Breit | 50 00 | |
| C. A. Wallin, H. S. transportation | 1,418 55 | |
| George Davenport, H. S. transportation | 12 00 | |
| Charles Dery, H. S. transportation | 113 60 | |
| Walter Beckwith, H. S. transportation | 55 20 | |
| Henry E. Rock, Sr., H. S. transportation | 326 40 | |
| John Peer, local transportation | 2,073 23 | |
| Vocational tuition | 250 75 | |
| Pittsfield High and Jr. High School tuition | 2,147 16 | |
| Town of Becket, elementary tuition | 441 07 | |
| Textbooks | 197 17 | |
| Stationery and Supplies | 126 35 | |
| Janitor | 306 90 | |
| Light and water | 16 10 | |
| Fuel | 187 83 | |
| Repairs | 43 81 | |
| Library | 16 82 | |
| Miscellaneous | 3 00 | |
| School Committee | 4 00 | |
| New Equipment | 21 43 | |
| | | 13,394 47 |
| Unexpended | | $522 53 |

MAY SANDERSON, *Chairman*
CLARA A. BAKER
VENICE J. ROCK, *Secretary*
*School Committee*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of the Town of Washington:

Herewith is submitted my sixth annual report as Superintendent of your schools.

Everywhere people are concerned with grave problems. The threat of another world war, the increase in the cost of living, the whole matter of taxes, all contribute to a general feeling of uncertainty. One thing we are sure of is that liberty and our way of life must be preserved for the coming generations and that these children shall have an opportunity to prepare themselves for meeting the problems that will be theirs.

A major problem which remains unsettled is the matter of a new school building. Much thought should be given to the need, and the decision should be reached after careful, objective reasoning. $5,000 was set aside this year towards the cost of the new school.

I should like to point out that new sills and possibly floor joists, and maybe more will be required before we will be able to use the present building next year. We have made the stoves go this year, but they are worn out. All of these items are not included in the 1951 budget. If a new school is built, they will not be needed. If it isn't built, we will have to ascertain the above costs and provide the money at a special town meeting.

Because three high school pupils left school, we spent about $700 less than we had anticipated for high school tuition. This with savings on the transportation estimate and holding off on repairs created an unexpended balance of $1,339.47 of which $800 was transferred to other accounts. The following is an accounting showing what the support of schools actually cost the Town of Washington for the year 1950.

## Net Cost of Schools to Washington

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures | | $13,377 53 |
| Reimbursements due the Town | | |
| From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | | |
| Chapter 70—School Aid | $4,543 69 | |
| Transportation | 3,324 34 | |
| Salary and Expenses of Superintendent | 715 44 | |
| Vocational School | 85 00 | |
| State Wards, Tuition | 335 22 | |
| Total Reimbursement from the State | | $9,003 69 |
| Net Cost of Schools to Washington | | $4,373 84 |

## Budget 1951

| | |
|---|---|
| Teachers' Salaries | $4,450 00 |
| Supplies | 175 00 |
| Textbook | 100 00 |
| Janitor | 325 00 |
| Fuel | 175 00 |
| Lights and Telephone | 20 00 |
| Health | 90 00 |
| Transportation | 4,000 00 |
| Elementary Tuition | 285 00 |
| High School Tuition | 3,250 00 |
| Superintendent's Salary and Expenses | 1,250 00 |
| New Equipment | 25 00 |
| Repairs | 100 00 |
| School Committee | 15 00 |
| Library | 25 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 10 00 |
| | $14,295 00 |

## Estimated Net Cost of Schools to Washington—1951

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Budget for 1951 | | $14,295 00 |
| Estimated Reimbursements: | | |
| From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | | |
| Chapter 70—School Aid | $4,543 69 | |
| Transportation | 3,700 00 | |
| Vocational | 85 00 | |
| Superintendent's Salary and Expenses | 715 44 | |
| State Wards' Tuition | 335 22 | |
| Total Estimated Reimbursement from State | | $9,379 35 |
| Estimated Net Cost to Town of Washington | | $4,915 65 |

## Membership October 1, 1950

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pittsfield High School | 8 | |
| Pittsfield Junior High School | 7 | |
| Pittsfield Vocational School | 1 | |
| St. Joseph's High School | 1 | |
| Total in High Schools | | 17 |

| Grades | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Kimball | 2 | 3 | 9 | 4 | | | | | 18 | |
| Mrs. May | | | | | 7 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 23 | |
| Becket | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | |
| Total in Elementary Schools | | | | | | | | | | 44 |
| Grand Total in School | | | | | | | | | | 61 |

## Graduates—1950

### WASHINGTON VALLEY SCHOOL

Preston Beckwith
Bruce Burnham
Agnes Cameron
Joan Campbell
Henry Goodell
Marjorie Goodell
Joseph Rock

### PITTSFIELD VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Claude Goodell, Jr.

## School Calendar 1950-1951

| | | Days |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. | School begins Sept. 6, 1950 | 18 |
| Oct. | No school October 12 and 27 | 20 |
| Nov. | No school November 23 and 24 | 20 |
| Dec. | School closes Dec. 20 | 14 |
| Jan. | School opens Jan. 2 | 22 |
| Feb. | Vacation Feb. 17-25 inclusive | 15 |
| March | No school March 23 | 21 |
| Apr. | Vacation April 14-22 inclusive | 16 |
| May | No school May 30 | 22 |
| June | School closes June 8 | 6 |
| Total | | 174 |

Mrs. Harry Madigan, our ex-primary teacher who resigned last June to spend her full time at her home responsibilities, will be especially remembered for the many ingenious projects with which she motivated the school work. Her resignation was accepted with regret by the School Committee, and we extend our best wishes for many happy days ahead. Her training and experience made her admirably suited for this four grade room.

We have indeed been fortunate in filling this position with a fine person and a conscientious teacher, Mrs. A. R. Kimball. The parents of Washington should fully appreciate and be thankful that they can have teachers like Mrs. May and Mrs. Kimball with whom they may entrust their children.

I wish to close this brief report with a quotation by General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

" . . . To neglect our school system would be a crime against the future. Such neglect could well be more disastrous to all our freedoms than the most formidable armed assault on our physical defenses . . . Where our schools are concerned, no external threat can excuse negligence; no menace can justify a halt to progress."

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUITOR,
*Superintendent of Schools*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Earl C. Suitor,
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Suitor:

The following report on health in the Valley School is submitted.

Clinics were held on April 5, April 26, and May 17, 1950. The following injections were given:

Tetanus immunizations—26

Diphtheria immunizations—booster doses—18

Complete courses of toxoid—8

This clinic, held by Dr. George Breit, was open to pre-school children as well as children in school.

On October 3, 1950, Dr. Breit gave physical examinations. The following defects were found:—

Tonsil cases—5
Dental cases—7
Eyes—2
Eye corrections—3

The Massachusetts vision test will be on the health program for 1951.

Sincerely,

ROSE K. CONLEY, R.N.

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON

### Balance Sheet—December 12, 1950

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

**Assets**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | | $18,303 78 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1948: | | | |
| Real Estate, | | $ 57 33 | |
| Levy of 1949: | | | |
| Personal Property, | $ 73 50 | | |
| Real Estate, | 326 54 | | |
| | | 400 04 | |
| Levy of 1950: | | | |
| Poll, | $ 30 00 | | |
| Personal Property, | 184 85 | | |
| Real Estate, | 6,406 75 | | |
| | | 6,621 60 | |
| | | | 7,078 97 |

**Liabilities and Reserves**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loan: | | | |
| In Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | | $16,900 00 |
| Payroll Deductions: | | | |
| Federal Taxes, | | $290 30 | |
| County Retirement System, | | 84 | |
| | | | 291 14 |
| Overestimates: | | | |
| County Tax, | | $75 12 | |
| Mosquito Control Assessment, | | 4 17 | |
| | | | 79 29 |
| Excess from Sale—Land of Low Value, | | | 149 46 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | | 138 41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | | 2,061 27 |
| Accrued Interest on Debt, | | | 1 17 |
| Federal Grants: | | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | | |
| Assistance, | $438 59 | | |
| Administration, | 124 74 | | |
| | | $563 33 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children: | | | |
| Assistance, | $363 37 | | |
| Administration, | 10 24 | | |
| | | 373 61 | |
| | | | 936 94 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise: | | |
| Levy of 1949, | $ 8 48 | |
| Levy of 1950, | 450 94 | |
| | | 459 42 |
| Departmental: | | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, | $ 430 61 | |
| Old Age Assistance, | 1,536 20 | |
| | | $1,966 81 |
| State Aid to Highways, | | 4,300 00 |
| Estimated Receipts—To be Collected, | | 8,812 93 |
| Revenue 1951—Appropriations Voted, | | 3,679 75 |
| Underestimate To Be Provided For: | | |
| State Parks and Reservations Assessment, | | 7 24 |
| | | $44,608 90 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances: | | |
| General, | $6,621 34 | |
| New School Construction, | 5,000 00 | |
| Plans for New School, | 25 00 | |
| Civilian Defense, | 214 40 | |
| | | 11,860 74 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 1,355 22 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1948, | $ 57 33 | |
| Levy of 1949, | 400 04 | |
| Levy of 1950, | 385 74 | |
| | | 843 11 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise, | $ 459 42 | |
| Departmental, | 1,966 81 | |
| | | 2,426 23 |
| Surplus Revenue, | | 7,565 92 |
| | | $44,608 90 |

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Net Funded or Fixed Debt, | $3,000 00 | Departmental Equipment Loan, | $3,000 00 |

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## TOWN WARRANT
### February 11, 1952

Polls will open at 12 noon and may close at 6 P. M. The business meeting will open at 8 P. M.

**Art 1**—To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following named Town Officers: one Moderator, one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor and one Selectman, all for three years.

**Art. 2**—To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense of any suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 3**—To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $14,975.00 or any other sum for the operation of Schools or take any vote in relation thereto.

**Art. 4**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws; also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 5**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 or any other sum for the celebration of the 175th anniversary of its incorporation.

**Art. 6**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for Eden Glen Pond.

**Art. 7**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for expenses of Tree Warden.

**Art. 8**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $293.90 for Pension Fund and Expense Fund as required by the Berkshire County Retirement Board and ordered by The Berkshire County Commissioners.

**Art. 9**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 or any other sum for the control of the Dutch Elm Disease.

**Art. 10**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $94.30 for Gypsy Moth work as required by the General Laws, Chapter 660 (Section 2, Acts of 1948).

**Art. 11**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $2,194.12 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

**Art. 12**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $36.00 for tax titles.

**Art. 13**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Agent of Public Welfare, Supervisor of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children and raise and appropriate the sum of $67.50 for his services as said Agent and Supervisor.

**Art. 14**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 or any other sum to pay its portion of the administration and equipment expense of the Eastern Berkshire Welfare District.

**Art. 15**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from overlay surplus to Reserve Account.

**Art. 16**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to call and post future Annual Town Meetings of this Town to be held on the second Saturday of February of each year instead of the first Monday after the first Tuesday as heretofore, with business meetings to be held in the afternoon of that day, or take any action relating thereto.

**Art. 17**—To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, as amended. All salaries to be effective as of January 1, 1952.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Town Clerk | $50 00 | Chairman Assessors | $50 00 |
| Town Treasurer | 150 00 | Clerk Assessors | 60 00 |
| Tax Collector | 150 00 | 3rd Assessor | 30 00 |
| Auditor | 25 00 | Tree Warden | 50 00 |
| Chairman Selectmen | 150 00 | Chairman School Com. | 10 00 |
| 2nd Member Selectmen | 50 00 | Clerk School Com. | 50 00 |
| 3rd Member Selectmen | 50 00 | 3rd Member School Com. | 10 00 |

**Art. 18**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and to pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations). Maintenance of Highways, Chapter 81, $780.00; Chapter 90, Pittsfield or Frost Rd., $1,000.00; Bridges, $500.00; Appointed Officers, $100.00; Miscellaneous, $600.00; Officers, $900;00. Tree Warden, $50.00; Officers' Bonds, $30.00; Discount on Notes, $200.00; Forest Warden, $100.00; Old Age Assistance, $6,000.00; Aid to Dependent Children, $3,500.00; Public Welfare, $500.00; Cemetery, $100.00; Snow Fence, $100.00; Becket Fire Department, $500.00; Becket Firemen, $100.00; Insurance on Buildings, $300.00; Civil Defense, $200.00; Veterans' Aid, $200.00; Board of Health, $50.00; Workmen's Compensation, $500.00.

**Art. 19**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 from available surplus revenue funds in its treasury to be added to the new school house fund.

**Art. 20**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 from available surplus revenue funds in its treasury and authorize and direct its Assessors to use said sum of money towards the reduction of its 1952 tax rate.

**Art. 21**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 from available surplus revenue funds in its treasury to be a portion of a fund to be created for the purpose of purchasing a suitable fire fighting apparatus for said Town.

**Art. 22**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by its Board of Health when needed towards the care and hospitalization of infants weighing four and one half pounds or less at birth, in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 3 of the General Laws as amended. (Chapter 601, Acts of 1949).

**Art. 23**—To choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurers of Wood and Bark, Sexton and Constables.

**Art. 24**—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

## TOWN OFFICERS IN 1951

MODERATOR
Harry C. Shaw

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER
C. A. R. Simmons

SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman | Term expires 1952 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1951 |
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1953 |

ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Ernest Schulze, Chairman | Term expires 1951 |
| Robert Smalley, Clerk | Term expires 1953 |
| Alexander Jarvie | Term expires 1952 |

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Alexander Jarvie, Chairman | Term expires 1951 |
| Venice J. Rock, Clerk | Term expires 1953 |
| Clara A. Baker | Term expires 1952 |

TREE WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR
Marguerite E. Schulze

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Selectmen

## APPOINTEES

FOREST WARDEN
Ernest Schulze

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Ernest Schulze — Joseph N. Blotz

FIELD DRIVERS

John L. Peer — C. A. R. Simmons — Emil Schulze

POUND KEEPER

C. A. R. Simmons

CONSTABLES

George H. Davenport — C. A. R. Simmons — Henry Rock
Louis Sheehan — Joseph Furlong, Jr. — Amos Gallant
Philip Bohrer

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

Philip Bohrer

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER

Harry D. Olds

FENCE VIEWERS

John Campbell, Sr. — Carl H. Peer — Philip Bohrer

SEXTON

George N. Burnham

MOTH INSPECTOR

Ernest Schulze

WELFARE AGENT

John Campbell, Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

Amos Gallant

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Archie Daigle

INSPECTOR OF ELECTRIC WIRING

Louis Baker

DOG OFFICER

Zigmund Zaleski

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1951 APPROPRIATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| School | $14,295 00 |
| Sons and Daughters Reunion | 25 00 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 50 00 |
| Tree Warden Expense | 25 00 |
| Berkshire Retirement Fund | 258 03 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 50 00 |
| Tax Titles | 36 00 |
| Welfare Agent | 75 00 |
| Chapter 81 | 780 00 |
| Chapter 90, Blotz Road | 1,000 00 |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance | 600 00 |
| Snow Removal | 2,000 00 |
| Bridges | 500 00 |
| Appointed Officers | 100 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 500 00 |
| Town Officers | 950 00 |
| Officers' Bonds | 30 00 |
| Discount on Notes | 275 00 |
| Forest Warden | 100 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 8,000 00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 4,000 00 |
| Public Welfare | 1,300 00 |
| Cemetery | 100 00 |
| Snow Fence | 100 00 |
| Becket Fire Department | 500 00 |
| Becket Firemen | 100 00 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 500 00 |
| Civil Defense | 200 00 |
| Veterans' Aid | 200 00 |
| Board of Health | 50 00 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 387 00 |
| Board of Health (care of infants) | 100 00 |
| Gypsy Moth | 94 30 |
| | $37,280 33 |

Art. 13—Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account, $600.00 of which is to be used to pay first note on Town's tractor-loader.

Art. 14—Voted to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from overlay surplus to Reserve Account.

Art. 22—Voted to appropriate $5,000.00 from surplus treasury available funds for new school house funds.

## CHAPTER 81

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $ 780 00 |
| State Appropriation | 14,300 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | 14 |
| Total Available | $15,080 14 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $2,039 63 |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 807 60 |
| Amos Gallant, plowing | 218 00 |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 854 75 |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 345 74 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 1,288 70 |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 1,261 42 |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 672 47 |
| Claude Goodell, Jr., labor | 18 88 |
| Edw. Rushbrook, labor | 2 36 |
| Richard Burnham, labor | 61 36 |
| L. Strout, labor | 5 90 |
| Lester Engwer, truck | 18 75 |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 553 50 |
| Washington tractor and plow | 312 30 |
| Washington loader | 901 80 |
| Norman Radwich, mowing | 275 00 |
| W. A. Mercer, crane | 136 00 |
| John Peer, truck | 386 00 |
| A. Leo Nash, 54 x 30 culverts | 250 00 |
| A. Leo Nash, 20 metal posts | 60 00 |
| W. J. Stanley, 18 signs | 40 50 |
| Mrs. Carrie Levernoch, 2300 yds. gravel | 230 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| General Sand & Stone, 270.10 T grits | $432 16 | |
| Carl H. Peer, truck | 288 00 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 265 70 | |
| Lane Construction Co., 95.6 T steamix | 573 60 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 510 75 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 14 T Bergraco | 75 50 | |
| Mrs. Leona Fassell, 450 yds. gravel | 45 00 | |
| L. A. Harris, drill rods, posts | 4 00 | |
| American Tar., 1878 gal. T3 tar | 340 48 | |
| American Tar., 3909 gal. T6 tar | 708 71 | |
| Roy W. Smith, 2x6x16-lbr. | 1 92 | |
| Town Tyringham, scraper | 73 60 | |
| Town Becket, rake | 24 00 | |
| Town Becket, scraper | 20 00 | |
| Alfred Dean, scraper operator | 14 85 | |
| Edw. Gallant, labor | 56 64 | |
| Edw. Murray, truck | 37 50 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 37 50 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 24 78 | |
| Harold Burnham, sign painter | 133 75 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, truck | 51 30 | |
| Del Virgilis, compressor | 96 00 | |
| L. P. Adams, 20 ton salt | 388 00 | |
| 20 bags cement | 24 00 | |
| 6 R. Brushes | 16 50 | |
| 6 shovels | 17 40 | |
| 6 forks | 19 50 | |
| 3½ gal. paint | 25 04 | |
| 6 scythes | 15 00 | |
| 50 bolts and washers | 1 90 | |
| 1 gal. turpentine | 1 75 | |
| 3 pick handles | 3 75 | |
| 2 brushes | 40 | |
| 1 gal creosote | 1 20 | |
| 2 snaths | 6 50 | |
| 4 whet stones | 1 40 | |
| 2 S. handles | 1 40 | |
| | | $15,080 14 |

## CHAPTER 90, BLOTZ ROAD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $1,000 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 1,000 00 |
| State | | 2,000 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 37 |
| Total Available | | $4,000 37 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $102 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 40 80 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 28 32 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 75 52 | |
| Harold Burnham, labor | 41 30 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 79 06 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 64 31 | |
| Alfred Dean, spreader operator | 31 05 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 84 75 | |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 82 50 | |
| L. Strout, labor | 12 98 | |
| Carl Peer, truck | 49 50 | |
| John Peer, truck | 71 25 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 71 25 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 63 75 | |
| Lester Engwer, labor | 33 75 | |
| General Sand & Stone Co. 145.7 grits | 233 12 | |
| 174.7 grits | 279 52 | |
| American Tar Co., 4364 T3 tar | 791 19 | |
| 4,265 T6 tar | 773 25 | |
| 4,384 T6 tar | 794 82 | |
| Town of Becket, spreader | 22 00 | |
| Lane Construction Co., 11.95 steamix | 71 70 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 64.17 grits | 102 68 | |
| | | $4,000 37 |

## CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $600 00 |
| Berkshire County | | 600 00 |
| State | | 600 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 03 |
| Total Available | | $1,800 03 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $24 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 9 60 | |
| Alfred Dean, spreader operator | 18 23 | |
| labor | 2 95 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 18 88 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 18 88 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 18 88 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 18 88 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 131.8-3/8 stone | 210 88 | |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 18 75 | |
| General Sand & Stone, 130.95 grits | 209 52 | |
| Town of Becket, spreader | 13 50 | |
| Fred Connor, truck | 30 00 | |
| Edward Murray, truck | 30 00 | |
| Carl Peer, truck | 60 75 | |
| John Peer, truck | 48 75 | |
| Andrew Cormier, truck | 24 00 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 26 25 | |
| R. W. Tryon, hone operator | 48 00 | |
| American Tar Co., 1468 MC3 tar | | |
| 3811 MC3 tar | 949 33 | |
| | | $1,800 03 |

## STATE HIGHWAY ALLOTMENT
## EMERGENCY FLOOD REPAIRS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Carried over from 1950 | | $2,420 35 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $225 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 98 40 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 45 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 103 84 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 195 88 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 195 88 | |
| Claude Goodell, labor | 8 26 | |
| truck | 76 50 | |
| Town of Washington, trac-loader | 61 10 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 138 90 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 156 94 | |
| John Peer, truck | 122 50 | |
| Carl Peer, truck | 63 00 | |
| John Kelley, boards and 2x4 lumber | 36 45 | |
| Alfred Gwara, truck | 45 00 | |
| Town Washington, tractor | 7 00 | |
| Abby & Sons, 165 yds. gravel, loaded | 82 50 | |
| Leona Fassell, 250 yds. gravel | 25 00 | |
| L. P. Adams, 53 sacks | 7 95 | |
| 40 lbs. nails | 5 90 | |
| 40 bags cement | 48 00 | |
| Berkshire Feed & Grain, 47mt bags | 9 40 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co. 5 yds. gravel | 2 50 | |
| 12.65 T.C. Sand | 9 42 | |
| Transit Mix Concrete, 48½ cu. yds. Mix | 620 30 | |
| Mrs. C. Levernoch, 296 yds. gravel | 29 60 | |
| | | $2,420 22 |
| Unexpended | | 13 |

## BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT AND EXPENSE FUND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $258 03 |
| John J. Shields, Treasurer Custodian | | |
| Pension Fund | $234 00 | |
| Expense | 24 03 | |
| | | $258 03 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $387 00 |
| Transferred from Insurance on Buildings | | 114 91 |
| Total Available | | $501 91 |
| E. H. Pierce Co., policy UB 1475076 | $387 00 | |
| " UB 720577* | 114 91 | |
| | | $501 91 |

*Second policy audit of Dec. 15, 1949 to Dec. 15, 1950

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $500 00 |
| Transferred to Workmen's Compensation | | 114 91 |
| Total Available | | $385 09 |
| E. H. Pierce Co., School Building and contents | $74 10 | |
| Town Hall | 9 70 | |
| Weights, measures and balances | 19 36 | |
| | $103 16 | |
| Less dividends | 20 63 | |
| Net | $82 53 | |
| Equipment | 61 50 | |
| Garage | 38 38 | |
| Corrected bill on Town Hall, weights and measures | 43 46 | |
| | | $225 87 |
| Unexpended | | $159 22 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $30 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 5 75 |
| Total Available | | $35 75 |
| Hebb Agency, Town Clerk | $ 5 00 | |
| Town Treasurer | 10 00 | |
| Mass. Bond & Ins., Tax Collector | 15 75 | |
| Hebb Agency, Deputy Tax Collector | 5 00 | |
| | | $35 75 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation at Annual Town Meeting | | $4,000 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 1,959 10 |
| U. S. Grant carried from 1950 | | 590 42 |
| Total Available | | $6,549 52 |
| Expended town appropriation | $4,000 00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grant | 1,778 67 | |
| Total Expended | | $5,778 67 |
| Unexpended | | $770 85 |

### Payroll Expenditures

| | |
|---|---|
| January 15 to 31 | $250 56 |
| February 1 to 15 | 203 80 |
| February 15 to 28 | 385 30 |
| March 1 to 15 | 203 80 |
| March 15 to 31 | 246 90 |
| April 1 to 15 | 203 80 |
| April 15 to 30 | 415 45 |
| May 1 to 15 | 203 80 |
| May 15 to 31 | 242 80 |
| June 1 to 15 | 203 80 |
| June 15 to 30 | 261 28 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| July 1 to 15 | $203 80 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 212 80 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 194 40 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 264 93 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 194 40 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 194 40 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 194 40 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 269 51 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 207 20 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 348 69 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 207 20 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 258 45 | |
| January 1 to 15 | 207 20 | |
| | | $5,778 67 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Unexpended from 1950 | $10 24 |
| U. S. Grant | 2 63 |
| Total Available | $12 87 |
| Harry C. Shaw, mileage, postage and telephone | 10 96 |
| Unexpended | $1 91 |

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS REUNION

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $ 25 00 |
| George Sweet, Music | 24 00 |
| Unexpended | $ 1 00 |

## EDEN GLEN POND

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $ 50 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | 47 11 |
| Total Available | $ 97 11 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Robert Hansen, bulldozer | $ 50 00 | |
| L. A. Harris, material and labor on hook and cutter | 9 97 | |
| Amos, Gallant, Supt. | 13 50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 2 40 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 10 62 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 10 62 | |
| | | $ 97 11 |

## TREE WARDEN EXPENSE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $25 00 |
| Unexpended | 25 00 |

## DUTCH ELM DISEASE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | 6 00 |
| Unexpended | $44 00 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | 10 11 |
| Unexpended | $89 89 |

## TAX TITLES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $36 00 |
| Unexpended | $36 00 |

## WELFARE AGENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $75 00 |
| John Campbell, services | $75 00 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $30 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 5 75 |
| Total Available | | $35 75 |
| Hebb Agency, Town Clerk | $5 00 | |
| Hebb Agency, Town Treasurer | 10 00 | |
| Hebb Agency, Dep. Tax Collector | 5 00 | |
| Mass. Bond and Ins. Co., Tax Collector | 15 75 | |
| | | $35 75 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $275 00 |
| Transferred to Snow Account | | 75 00 |
| Total Available | | $200 00 |
| Day Trust Co., tractor note | $ 60 00 | |
| Day Trust Co., road work note | 124 00 | |
| | | 184 50 |
| Unexpended | | $15 50 |

## BRIDGES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $500 00 |
| Transferred to Miscellaneous | | 100 00 |
| Total Available | | $400 00 |
| Joseph E. Gillett, 1336-3 in. hemlock | $100 20 | |
| L. A. Harris, weld and cut rails | 13 00 | |
| Amos, Gallant, Superintendent | 60 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 24 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 47 20 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 47 20 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 47 20 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 48 30 | |
| Roy W. Smith, 5 boards 1x10x12 | 7 00 | |
| | | $394 10 |
| Unexpended | | $5 90 |

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Joseph Blotz, Animal Inspector | $30 00 | |
| Joseph Blotz, Inspector Slaughtering | 12 00 | |
| Zigmund Zaleski, Dog Officer | 10 00 | |
| Louis M. Baker, Electric Wire Inspector | 10 00 | |
| Archie Daigle, Sealer Weights and Measures | 10 00 | |
| | | $72 00 |
| Unexpended | | $28 00 |

## CEMETERY

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| George N. Burnham, Sexton | $100 00 |

## TOWN OF BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $500 00 |
| Town of Becket, Fire Equipment | $500 00 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $1,300 00 |
| Transferred to Snow Removal Account | | 275 00 |
| Total Available | | 1,025 00 |
| Case No. 54 | $769 80 | |
| Case No. 1 G.R. | 222 91 | |
| Social Service Index | 10 00 | |
| | | $1,002 71 |
| Unexpended | | $22 29 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $8,000 00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,617 75 |
| U. S. Grant carried from 1950 | | 344 14 |
| Total Available | | $10,961 89 |
| Expended town appropriations | $8,000 00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grants | 507 61 | |
| Total Expended | | $8,507 61 |
| Unexpended | | $2,454 28 |

Payroll Expenditures

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January 15 to 31 | $339 28 | |
| February 1 to 15 | 288 55 | |
| February 15 to 28 | 331 30 | |
| March 1 to 15 | 265 40 | |
| March 15 to 31 | 313 70 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 265 40 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 301 18 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 265 40 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 300 30 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 265 40 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 287 80 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 343 87 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 414 10 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 321 05 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 374 78 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 401 40 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 428 20 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 401 40 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 459 45 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 406 50 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 445 70 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 408 50 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 468 30 | |
| January 1 to 15 | 410 65 | |
| | | $8,507 61 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended from 1950 | | $61 94 |
| Received U. S. Grant | | 5 86 |
| Total Available | | $67 80 |
| Dorothy Durant, envelopes | $35 16 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., mileage, postage and telephone | 22 39 | |
| | | $57 55 |
| Unexpended | | $10 25 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $950 00 |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Clerk | $ 50 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Treasurer | 150 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Selectmen | 50 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, Tax Collector | 150 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman Selectmen | 150 00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., Selectmen | 50 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Chairman Assessors | 50 00 | |
| Robert Smalley, Clerk Assessors | 60 00 | |
| Alexander Jarvie, Assessor | 30 00 | |
| Alexander Jarvie, School Committee | 10 00 | |
| Clara Baker, School Committee | 10 00 | |
| Venice J. Rock, Clerk School Committee | 50 00 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Tree Warden | 50 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, 3 registrations | 6 00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, 4 registrations | 8 00 | |
| Marie Peer, Ballot Clerk | 3 00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, Ballot Clerk | 3 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, Inspector Ballots | 3 00 | |
| | | $883 00 |
| Unexpended | | $67 00 |

## BECKET FIREMEN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Hubert Salvini, labor | $2 00 | |
| Donald Feder, labor | 2 00 | |
| Robert Wood, labor | 2 00 | |
| Frank Covel, labor | 2 00 | |
| Eugene Trudeau, labor | 4 00 | |
| | | $12 00 |
| Unexpended | | $88 00 |

## SNOW FENCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100 00 |
| Carr Hardware, roll wire | $13 00 | |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | 6 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 4 72 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 4 72 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 2 40 | |
| | | $30 84 |
| Unexpended | | $69 16 |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $500 00 |
| Transferred from Bridge Account | | 100 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Account | | 19 22 |
| Total Available | | $619 22 |
| Western Mass. Electric Co., lights | $18 10 | |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., books and forms | 75 47 | |
| Eagle Printing & Binding Co., town reports, ballots and envelopes | 190 10 | |
| Eagle Printing & Binding Co., 500 letterheads and envelopes | 13 75 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Harold Goggins, photostats | $ 5 60 | |
| Ernest Schulze, Assessor's expense | 23 58 | |
| Pittsfield National Bank, check books | 8 13 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, postage, mileage and telephone and telegrams | 57 72 | |
| Mass. Selectmen's Assn. dues | 10 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor plates | 2 00 | |
| Mass. Collector and Treas. Assn., dues | 4 00 | |
| Emil Schulze, shovel snow, build fire | 3 00 | |
| T. A. Frissell, padlocks | 1 18 | |
| Donald Hall, legal services | 10 00 | |
| Mass. Assessor's Assn., dues | 9 00 | |
| Stevenson & Co., blasting bond | 10 00 | |
| W. S. Darley Co., constable badges | 4 61 | |
| Berk. Co. Selectmen's Assn., dues | 3 00 | |
| Barre Gazette, tax bill forms | 9 50 | |
| N. Y. C. Railroad, water rent | 5 00 | |
| Mass. Town Clerk Assn., dues | 5 00 | |
| F. X. Lang, cert. of notes | 2 00 | |
| Bradford Glass Co., window rails | 2 40 | |
| Carr Hdw. Co., glass comp. cor and points | 4 46 | |
| Carr Hdw. Co., stove pipe | 3 32 | |
| Irving Fassell, tire damage | 4 00 | |
| J. Campbell, Jr., T.H. window repair | 20 06 | |
| Donald Hall, realty transfers | 12 00 | |
| Public Safety Com. ,F. A. permit forms | 50 | |
| Donald Feder, 6-60 W bulbs | 90 | |
| Venice Rock, telephones | 3 20 | |
| L. M. Baker, mileage | 7 26 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, mileage, postage, phone | 39 49 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, recording, births, deaths and marriages | 13 00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, Tax Collector's expense | 10 68 | |
| A. J. Jarvie, Assessor's expense | 13 56 | |
| Walter Costello, 1951 Mass. Laws | 3 00 | |
| Robert Smalley, Assessor's expense | 10 65 | |
| | | $619 22 |

## SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $2,000 00 |
| Transfer from Welfare | | 275 00 |
| Transfer from Discount on Notes | | 75 00 |
| Transfer from Reserve | | 110 25 |
| Total Available | | $2,460 25 |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | $254 25 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 4 80 | |
| Amos Gallant, 3 plow blades | 45 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 102 50 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 51 92 | |
| Berkshire Gravel, 467. I T sand | 350 08 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 94 29 | |
| C. Goodell, Jr., labor | 60 46 | |
| L. A. Harris, fitting plow blades | 11 50 | |
| L. A. Harris, tire and tube | 10 90 | |
| L. A. Harris, welding plow blades and sander | 10 75 | |
| L. A. Harris, labor, material and parts, plow | 109 45 | |
| L. A. Harris, plowing snow | 15 00 | |
| C. A. Wallin, Mon. tractor seat | 5 00 | |
| Town Becket, snow plow blades | 51 80 | |
| Connelly Bros., windshield window | 10 00 | |
| Connelly Bros., 75-6046 Cr. chains | 90 00 | |
| Connelly Bros., 1 master chain tool | 12 25 | |
| Connelly Bros., Prestone | 3 75 | |
| George Davenport, gasoline | 4 37 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 233 70 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 23 60 | |
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., 304.6 gaso. | 76 04 | |
| A. Gwara, truck | 93 50 | |
| Washington, tractor and plow | 149 60 | |
| John Peer, truck | 275 00 | |
| John Peer, plow | 92 50 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Louis Blotz, truck | $199 65 | |
| Sandersfield, use of blade plow | 10 00 | |
| General Sand & Stone Co., 11.45 T sand | 8 59 | |
| | | $2,460 25 |

## CIVIL DEFENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $200 00 |
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone | $42 23 | |
| L. A. Harris, installing sirens | 12 00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, crystals | 13 00 | |
| David G. Dean, 48 batteries, 3 flash-lights, 3 extra bulbs | 17 07 | |
| David G. Dean, 7 badges, spec. police | 16 02 | |
| North East Civil Defense, subscription | 4 50 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., 100 ft. Romex and fittings | 7 82 | |
| | | $112 64 |
| Unexpended | | $87 36 |

## VETERAN'S AID

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $200 00 |
| Unexpended | $200 00 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50 00 |
| Unexpended | $50 00 |

## GYPSY MOTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $94 30 |
| Unexpended | $94 30 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH (Care of Infants)

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100 00 |
| Unexpended | $100 00 |

## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $1,500 00 |
| L. A. Harris, rep. to loader and tires | $ 93 22 | |
| Socony Vacuum Co., 1292.2 gal. gasoline | 319 74 | |
| Levernoch Bros., 15 gal. oil | 14 68 | |
| L. P. Adams, 1 gal. paint | 6 14 | |
| Pittsfield Retread & Tire Co., repair tractor tires | 18 90 | |
| Day Trust Co., loader note | 600 00 | |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., tractor and loader repairs | 161 76 | |
| Joseph Furlong, Jr., labor | 15 00 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 43 94 | |
| Amos Gallant, Supt. | 10 50 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, battery | 12 00 | |
| Open Kitchen, gasoline | 1 86 | |
| Connelly Bros., relining clutch, tractor | 7 90 | |
| Carr Hardware Co., vise | 20 00 | |
| | | $1,325 64 |
| Unexpended | | $174 36 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $275 00 |
| Transferred to Officer's Bonds | $ 5 75 | |
| Transferred to Chap. 90, maintenance | 03 | |
| Transferred to Chap. 90 Blotz Road | 37 | |
| Transferred to Eden Glen Pond | 47 11 | |
| Transferred to Chap. 81 | 14 | |
| Transferred to Snow Removal | 110 25 | |
| Transferred to Miscellaneous | 19 22 | |
| | | $182 87 |
| Unexpended | | $92 13 |

## RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | $8,507 61 |
| Old Age Administration | 57 55 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 5,778 67 |
| Aid to Dependent Children Administration | 10 96 |
| Public Welfare | 1,002 71 |
| Berkshire County Retirement Fund | 258 03 |
| Miscellaneous | 619 22 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 501 91 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 225 87 |
| Officer's Bonds | 35 75 |
| Becket Firemen | 12 00 |
| Forest Warden | 10 11 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 6 00 |
| Snow Removal | 2,460 25 |
| Emergency Flood Control | 2,420 22 |
| Appointed Officers | 72 00 |
| Discount on Notes | 184 50 |
| Chapter 81 | 15,080 14 |
| Cemeteries | 100 00 |
| Town of Becket Fire Department | 500 00 |
| Town Officers | 883 00 |
| Welfare Agent | 75 00 |
| Civil Defense | 112 64 |
| Machinery | 1,325 64 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 97 11 |
| Bridges | 394 10 |
| Snow Fence | 30 84 |
| Chapter 90, Blotz Road | 4,000 37 |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance | 1,800 03 |
| Sons and Daughters Reunion | 24 00 |
| | $46,586 23 |

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY C. SHAW, *Chairman*
C. A. R. SIMMONS
JOHN CAMPBELL, Jr.

Board of Selectmen

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1951 | | $26,599 62 |
| 1948 Property tax | $ 30 33 | |
| 1949 Property tax | 155 39 | |
| 1950 Property tax | 1,807 39 | |
| 1951 Property tax | 11,270 10 | |
| 1950 Poll tax | 20 00 | |
| 1951 Poll tax | 104 00 | |
| 1950 Excise tax | 189 91 | |
| 1951 Excise tax | 1,119 41 | |
| 1948 Interest | 3 55 | |
| 1949 Interest | 10 05 | |
| 1950 Interest | 49 95 | |
| 1951 Interest | 9 01 | |
| | | $14,769 09 |
| Selectmen's Licenses | $ 631 50 | |
| Chapter 81, 1950 contract | 4,300 00 | |
| Chapter 81, 1951 contract | 11,000 00 | |
| Chapter 90, Blotz Road, State | 2,000 00 | |
| Chapter 90, Blotz Road, County | 1,000 00 | |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance, State | 600 00 | |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance, County | 600 00 | |
| Payroll Deductions, Withholding | 1,473 30 | |
| Deductions, Retirement System | 303 78 | |
| Dog refund, County | 122 27 | |
| Income tax | 675 30 | |
| Tractor Earnings, Town of Washington | 1,431 80 | |
| Tractor Earnings, Town of Tyringham | 160 00 | |
| Tractor Earnings, Town of Becket | 610 50 | |
| Tractor Earnings, Town of Otis | 80 00 | |
| Tractor Earnings, Phil Raymond | 110 00 | |
| Tractor Earnings, Bud Simmons | 32 50 | |
| Tractor Earnings, Ernest St. John | 10 00 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tractor Earnings, Theodore Cameron | $ 2 50 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal | 2,617 75 | |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 4,057 46 | |
| Old Age Assistance, other towns | 563 78 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Administration | 5 86 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, Federal | 1,959 10 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, State | 1,880 84 | |
| Aid to Dependent Child. Adm. | 2 63 | |
| Corporation tax | 754 00 | |
| Reimbursement Loss of taxes | 9,539 79 | |
| Highway Loan | 19,920 00 | |
| Chapter 90, Flood | 2,999 87 | |
| School Aid, Chapter 70 | 4,543 69 | |
| High School Transportation | 6,866 61 | |
| Tuition of Children | 270 80 | |
| Vocational Education | 142 38 | |
| Department of Education | 732 41 | |
| Temporary Aid and Transportation | 1,125 50 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Meal tax | 198 56 | |
| Public Service, Franchise tax | 16 52 | |
| Dog Licenses | 155 60 | |
| District Court | 64 00 | |
| Livestock Disease Control | 15 00 | |
| Town of Hinsdale, plowing snow | 70 00 | |
| Telephone Company refund | 52 | |
| | | $125,014 83 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|---|
| Selectmen's orders | $46,586 23 |
| Schools | 14,295 00 |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 1,476 70 |
| Berkshire Co. Retirement System | 303 78 |
| State Audit | 97 72 |
| State Parks | 30 35 |
| Berkshire County, mosquito control | 33 75 |
| County Tax | 730 95 |
| Highway Loan | 16,900 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| County Treasurer, dog licenses | $ 155 60 | |
| Wild County Bounty | 10 00 | |
| | | $80,620 08 |
| Cash in checking account | $31,538 30 | |
| Cash on hand | 2,856 45 | |
| Berkshire Co. Savings Bank, Bank Book No. 180588 | 10,000 00 | |
| | | 44,394 75 |
| | | $125,014 83 |

PITTSFIELD NATIONAL BANK STATEMENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance December 31, 1951 as per statement | | $35,859 70 |
| Balance as per check book Dec. 31, 1951 | $31,538 30 | |
| Outstanding checks as per list Dec. 31, 1951 | 4,321 40 | |
| | | $35,859 70 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Treasurer*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Dog Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male, 44 at $2.00 | $88 00 | |
| Female, 9 at $5.00 | 45 00 | |
| Spayed, 13 at $2.00 | 26 00 | |
| Kennel, 1 at $10.00 | 10 00 | |
| Military, 2 free | | |
| | $169 00 | |
| Fees retained | 13 40 | |
| Paid treasurer | | $155 60 |

### Sporting Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident Citizen Fishing, 23 at $2.00 | $46 00 | |
| Resident Citizen Hunting, 18 at $2.00 | 36 00 | |
| Resident Citizen Sporting, 15 at $3.25 | 48 75 | |
| Resident Citizen Minor and Female Fishing, 18 at $1.25 | 22 50 | |
| Resident Citizen Trapping, 2 at $5.25 | 10 50 | |
| Non-Resident Fishing, 1 at $1.50 | 1 50 | |
| | $165 25 | |
| Fees Retained | 19 25 | |
| Paid Treasurer | | $146 00 |

### Deaths

1951

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Feb. | 21 | Samuel Hoyles, 64 yrs. |
| April | 20 | Octave Bourdeau, 84 yrs. |
| June | 17 | Bernard Fallon, 80 yrs. |
| Sept. | 23 | Baby Rock |
| Oct. | 23 | Rev. Milton R. Corey, 71 yrs. |
| Nov. | 20 | Hannah Fannie Prentice, 87 yrs. |
| Dec. | 22 | May R. Turner, 86 yrs. |
| Dec. | 25 | Edward Payson Irwin, 78 yrs. |

## Marriages

1951

June 16 Harold George Burnham and Edith Bourdo Phelps.
Nov. 18 Carl William Peer and Julia Petrides.

## Births

1951

Jan. 4 Nancy Alice Hansen, daughter to Fred Trules Hansen, Jr. and Doris Edith (Mortenson) Hansen.

Jan. 15 Anmay Vina Volff, daughter to Octave Joseph Volff and Myrtly (Wood) Volff.

Feb. 1 John Marshall Wood, son to Theodore Marshall Wood and Therese Mary (Reilly) Wood.

Feb. 8 Francis Frederick Marier, Jr., son to Francis Frederick Marier and L. Laverne (Donlan) Marier.

April 10 Stanley Nelson Dupont, son to Harold Nelson Dupont and Anna Irene (Bell) Dupont.

June 6 Gary Lynn Lane, son to Francis Walter Lane and Helen Mary (Harris) Lane.

Sept. 23 Baby Rock, son to James Henry Rock and Ethel Mae (Burnham) Rock.

Dec. 2 Mary Therese Methe, daughter to Andrew I. Methe and Mary Jane (Rock) Methe.

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Town Clerk.*

## 1951 ASSESSORS' REPORT

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation | | $37,280 33 | |
| Total appropriations approved to be taken from available funds: | | | |
| (a) In 1951 | $6,775 00 | | |
| (b) In 1950 since 1950 tax rate | 4,141 72 | | |
| Total from available funds | | $10,916 72 | |
| Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay | | | $48,197 05 |
| In 1950 | | | 111 47 |
| 1950 underestimate to be raised | | | |
| State Parks and Reservations | | | 7 24 |
| 1951 Estimates to be raised | | | |
| State Parks and Reservations | | $34 44 | |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts | | 97 72 | |
| Mosquito Control | | 56 92 | |
| | | | 189 08 |
| 1951 County Tax | | | 809 27 |
| Overlay of current year | | | 509 52 |
| Gross amount to be raised | | | $49,823 63 |
| Estimated Receipts and Available Funds: | | | |
| Income Tax | | $4,948 84 | |
| Corporation Taxes | | 488 50 | |
| Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land | | 8,314 56 | |
| Old Age Assistance Tax (meals) | | 200 42 | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise | | 1,000 00 | |
| Licenses | | 500 00 | |
| Protection of Persons and Property | | 15 00 | |
| Charities (other than Federal Grants) | | 1,500 00 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants) | 5,000 00 | |
| Schools | 3,360 00 | |
| Interest on Taxes | 25 00 | |
| Total estimated receipts | | $25,552 32 |
| Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds: | | |
| County Tax | $75 12 | |
| Mosquito Control | 4 17 | |
| Amounts to be taken from available funds with commissioner approval: | | |
| $ 461.97 8— 9—1950 | | |
| 3,679.75 3—29—1951 | | |
| 6,775.00 3—29—1951 | $10,916 72 | |
| | | $10,996 01 |
| Total estimated receipts and available funds | | $36,348 33 |
| Net amount to be raised by taxation on Polls and Property | | $13,475 30 |
| Number of Polls assessed 74. Poll taxes | | 148 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Valuation: | | | |
| Personal Property | $33,592 00 | Per. Tax | $ 1,948 34 |
| Real Estate | 196,189 00 | Real Estate | 11,378 96 |
| Total Valuation | $229,781 00 | | $13,475 30 |

## 1951 TABLE OF AGGREGATES

| | Individual | All others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On personal estate only | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| On real estate only | 81 | 7 | 88 |
| On both personal and real estate | 32 | 1 | 33 |
| Total number of persons assessed | | | 134 |
| Total number of polls assessed | | | 74 |

Value of assessed personal estate:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stock in trade | $ 750 00 | |
| Machinery | 28,850 00 | |
| Live stock | 3,992 00 | |
| Total value of assessed personal estate | | $33,592 00 |

Value of assessed real estate:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Land exclusive of buildings | $126,584 00 | |
| Buildings exclusive of land | 69,605 00 | |
| Total value of assessed real estate | | $196,189 00 |
| Total value of assessed estate | | $229,781 00 |

Tax rate per $1000.00—$58.00

Number of live stock

| | |
|---|---|
| Horses | 17 |
| Cows, milch | 49 |
| Bulls | 1 |
| Heifers 8, Yearlings 5 | 13 |
| Swine | 6 |
| Sheep 13, Goats 14 | 27 |
| Fowl | 822 |
| All other—12 rabbits, 16 geese | |
| Number of acres of land assessed | 13,209 |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | 90 |
| Number of motor vehicles assessed | 99 |
| Motor vehicle taxes assessed | $1,481 67 |

## TOWN PROPERTY—Exempt

| | Acres | Land Value | Buildings | Value | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town Hall | ½ | 25 | Town Hall | $1,000 | $1,025 |
| Railroad Lot | 23,340 sq. ft. | 50 | School House | 1,000 | 1,050 |
| | | | School House | 500 | 500 |
| Part of Bennett Place | 1 | 100 | Garage | 2,000 | 2,100 |
| Eden Glen Dam | 3 | 300 | Dam | 1,000 | 1,300 |
| Campbell Lot | | | | | |
| Hamilton Lot | 100 | 600 | | | 600 |
| Sternagle Lot | 50 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Beach Lot | 24 | 100 | | | 100 |
| Howland Lot | 15 | 200 | | | 200 |
| Rupert Pomeroy | 28½ | 100 | | | 100 |
| School House Lot | 2 | 50 | | | 50 |
| West Cemetery | 2 | 25 | | | 25 |
| Center Cemetery | 2 | 25 | | | 25 |
| Valley Cemetery | 4 | 50 | | | 50 |
| East Cemetery | 1 | 15 | | | 15 |
| | | | | | $7,225 |

## TOWN PERSONAL PROPERTY

| | |
|---|---|
| Town Hall Furniture | $ 250 00 |
| Road Machinery, Tools and Tractor | 3,461 97 |
| Snow Plow and Tractor | 1,500 00 |
| Library | 300 00 |
| Forest Warden Equipment | 150 00 |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures | 200 00 |
| | $5,861 97 |

ERNEST F. SCHULZE
ROBERT E. SMALLEY
ALEXANDER JARVIE

*Assessors of Washington.*

## 1951 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1948 Taxes
According to 1950 Town Report

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1948 property tax uncollected | $30 33 | Collected and paid Treasurer in 1951 | $30 33 |

1948 interest collected in 1951—$3.55

1949 Taxes
According to 1950 Town Report

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1949 property tax uncollected | $155.39 | Collected and paid Treasurer | $155 39 |

1949 interest collected in 1951 paid Treasurer $10.05

1950 Property and Poll Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas., in 1950 prop. taxes | $10,667 53 | Real Estate warrants | $11,547 57 |
| Abated prop. taxes | 46 40 | Personal tax | 1,658 63 |
| Abated prop. taxes ref. | 22 12 | Omitted prop. | 118 90 |
| Pd. Treas., poll taxes | 110 00 | Poll tax | 148 00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 16 00 | | |
| Pd. Treas., in 1951 poll taxes | 20 00 | | |
| Uncollected poll tax | 2 00 | | |
| Collected and paid Treas. in 1951 property taxes | 1,807 39 | | |
| Abated prop. taxes in 1951 | 426 69 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 354 97 | | |
| | $13,473 10 | | $13,473 10 |

1950 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas., in 1950 | $1,019 09 | Excise Warrants | $1,390 29 |
| Abated in 1950 | 16 40 | | |
| Abated and refunded | 11 62 | | |
| Collected and paid Treas. in 1951 | 189 91 | | |
| Uncollected | 153 27 | | |
| | $1,390 29 | | $1,390 29 |

1950 interest collected and paid Treasurer in 1951—$49.95

1951 Property Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1951 | $11,270 10 | Real Estate Warrants | $11,378 96 |
| Abated in 1951 | 145 00 | Personal tax | 1,948 34 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 104 00 | Poll tax | 148 00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 22 00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 22 00 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 1,912 20 | | |
| | $13,475 30 | | $13,475 30 |

1951 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1951 | $1,119 41 | Warrants | $1,481 67 |
| Abated | 25 37 | | |
| Uncollected | 336 89 | | |
| | $1,481 67 | | $1,481 67 |

1951 interest collected and paid Treasurer $9.01

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
*Collector of Taxes.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $14,295 00 |
| Maude S. May, teacher | $1,311 00 | |
| Mrs. A. Ray Kimball | 2,033 25 | |
| John H. Lewarn, Jr. | 874 00 | |
| Martha Gardner | 8 00 | |
| Massachusetts retirement | 278 99 | |
| Earl C. Suitor, Superintendent | 1,085 19 | |
| Superintendent expenses | 157 22 | |
| Rose Conley, school nurse | 45 00 | |
| Dr. George Breit | 50 00 | |
| G. A. Wallin, H. S. transportation | 1,403 85 | |
| Charles Dery, H. S. transportation | 80 80 | |
| Walter Beckwith, H. S. transportation | 185 60 | |
| Lawrence Dennis, H. S. transportation | 2 00 | |
| Henry E. Rock, Sr., H. S. transportation | 313 80 | |
| John Peer, local transportation | 2,004 00 | |
| Vocational tuition | 411 82 | |
| Pittsfield High and Jr. High School tuition | 2,628 68 | |
| Town of Becket, elementary tuition | 254 38 | |
| Textbooks | 133 80 | |
| Stationery and Supplies | 217 78 | |
| Janitors | 311 25 | |
| Light and water | 15 73 | |
| Fuel | 162 26 | |
| Repairs | 91 21 | |
| Library | 112 36 | |
| Miscellaneous | 2 03 | |
| School Committee | 6 00 | |
| New Equipment | 115 00 | |
| Total | | $14,295 00 |

ALEXANDER JARVIE, *Chairman*
CLARA A. BAKER
VENICE J. ROCK, *Secretary*
*School Committee*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Washington:

Herewith is submitted my seventh annual report as Superintendent of your school.

The Town of Washington has taken a big step forward in planning for a new school building. We all hope that it will not be long before the building is an accomplished fact. The several planning groups have each contributed towards the evolving plan. Much more planning has yet to be done. There has been, as always, a diversity of opinion, and I believe much can be gained by the contribution of different views. The completed building should contain the best of all of the thinking and needless to say cannot contain all. I should like to thank all of the members who have served on the several committees for their efforts in behalf of a new school.

We accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Sanderson after having served on the school committee for twenty-five years. In her quiet, unassuming way she has always been very helpful, thoughtful, and actively and sincerely interested in the welfare of the school. We value her continued interest, and I unofficially think of her as a member of the committee emeritus.

The resignation of Mrs. Maude May was also accepted with regret. I know that it was with a great degree of satisfaction that both Mrs. May and the townspeople, parents and pupils, look back over the many years which Mrs. May taught so conscientiously and well by example and precept.

Mr. John Lewarn took over the upper grade room this fall, but has now gone to Lenox as the supervisor of art for their school system. He will, however, supervise the art work for Washington one half day a week.

Mrs. Stella Wilkie, an experienced teacher in multigrade rooms, is now teaching in the upper grade room.

A new "Curriculum Guide for the Intermediate Grades" has been prepared and issued by the Massachusetts Department of Education. It follows a "middle-of-the-road" philosophy of education and is so planned that it offers opportunities for all children to develop those

fundamental understandings, skills, habits, attitudes, ideals and appreciations necessary for living in a democratic society.

We plan to follow this guide—adapting it to our particular needs. This has necessitated changes in grade placement of some social studies subject matter. In so far as is practical we plan to use the unitary teaching method as suggested in this guide. This only means that the work is so organized and planned around a topic that the desired personal development is assured as well as the mastery of related subject matter in several fields in a meaningful manner. The teachers of this Union are working on a course of study for the social studies to follow the new Curriculum Guide. We hope this will be a great help.

A film strip projector has been purchased and a library of film is planned in cooperation with other towns in the Union. This is a rather inexpensive visual aid but a very efficient one. Visual aids are recognized as important teaching tools and are now accepted as a regular part of the school equipment.

Some new textbooks have been purchased as well as a set of reference books for the upper grade room. Workbooks and materials have been supplied as needed. These tools of instruction are and should be furnished in so far as we are able.

Dr. Breit and Miss Conley are doing a fine job with the health program and are always very cooperative. Beginning next fall, more extensive but less frequent physical examinations are to be given under the direction of the State Board of Health and the Department of Education as prescribed by recent legislation.

Chiefly due to the efforts of our former superintendent, Mr. David Malcolm, and with the help of such organizations as the Berkshire School Committees' Association represented by Mrs. Hitchcock of Windsor, a law was passed which gives certain towns 25% additional school aid under Chapter 70. This increases the school aid due Washington by $1,135.92.

## Net Cost to the Town of Washington for the Support of Schools—1951

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures for 1951 | | $14,295 00 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Chapter 70 as amended—School Aid | $5,679 61 | |
| Union Superintendent's Salary | 732 41 | |
| All Transportation | 3,542 27 | |
| State Ward Tuition | 270 80 | |
| Vocational Tuition | 142 38 | |
| Total Reimbursements | | $10,367 47 |
| Net Cost to the Town of Washington for the Support of Schools—1951 | | 3,927 53 |

### Budget—1952

| | |
|---|---|
| Teachers' Salaries | $4,850 00 |
| Textbooks | 200 00 |
| Supplies | 150 00 |
| Janitor | 325 00 |
| Fuel | 250 00 |
| Lights, Etc. | 25 00 |
| Repairs | 100 00 |
| Library | 30 00 |
| Health | 100 00 |
| Transportation | 4,000 00 |
| Elementary Tuition | 320 00 |
| High School Tuition | 3,250 00 |
| School Committee | 15 00 |
| Superintendent's Salary and Expenses | 1,250 00 |
| New Equipment | 100 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 10 00 |
| Total Budget for 1952 | $14,975 00 |

## Estimated Net Cost to the Town of Washington for the Support of Schools—1952

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Budget for 1952 | | $14,975 00 |
| Estimated Reimbursements: | | |
| Chapter 70 as amended—School Aid | $5,679 61 | |
| Union Superintendent's Salary | 732 41 | |
| All transportation | 3,542 27 | |
| State Ward Tuition | 300 00 | |
| Vocational Tuition | 500 00 | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | | $10,745 29 |
| Estimated Net Cost to the Town of Washington for the Support of Schools | | $4,220 71 |

Several of the items in the 1952 budget such as fuel, lights, janitor, repairs can only be estimates which will vary depending on when we are able to be in the new school. The major items are about the same as last year, but some increases are necessary because of increased costs. The overall increase of approximately $600 is reasonable as things are today.

### Membership October 1, 1951

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| High School Enrollment | | |
| Pittsfield High School | 4 | |
| Pittsfield Vocational School | 5 | |
| St. Joseph's High School | 1 | |
| Central Junior High School | 3 | |
| Total High School | | 13 |

Elementary School Enrollment

| Grades | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Kimball | 6 | 3 | 3 | 11 | | | | | 23 | |
| Mr. Lewarn | | | | | 4 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 23 | |
| | | | | | | | | | 46 | |
| Becket | | | | | | | | | 3 | |
| Total Elementary | | | | | | | | | | 49 |
| Total Enrollment | | | | | | | | | | 62 |

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON

### Balance Sheet—December 12, 1951

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

#### Assets

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | | $43,835 23 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | | |
| Taxes: | | | |
| Levy of 1950: | | | |
| Poll, | $ 4 00 | | |
| Personal Property, | 39 15 | | |
| Real Estate, | 573 92 | | |
| | | $617 07 | |
| Levy of 1951: | | | |
| Poll, | $ 26 00 | | |
| Personal Property, | 256 36 | | |
| Real Estate, | 2,683 68 | | |
| | | $2,966 04 | |
| | | | 3,583 11 |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise: | | | |
| Levy of 1950, | | $155 27 | |
| Levy of 1951, | | 828 76 | |
| | | | 984 03 |

#### Liabilities and Reserves

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loans: | | | |
| Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | | $19,920 00 |
| Payroll Deductions: | | | |
| Federal Taxes, | | $283 20 | |
| County Retirement System, | | 1 21 | |
| | | | 284 41 |
| Overestimates: | | | |
| County Tax, | | $78 32 | |
| Mosquito Control Assessment, | | 23 17 | |
| State Parks and Reservations Assessment, | | 4 09 | |
| | | | 105 58 |
| Excess from Sale—Land of Low Value, | | | 149 46 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | | 138 41 |
| Road Machinery Fund, | | | 2,062 52 |
| Federal Grants: | | | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | | |
| Assistance, | $2,961 89 | | |
| Aid, | 67 80 | | |
| | | $3,029 69 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children: | | | |
| Assistance, | $1,236 50 | | |
| Aid | 1 91 | | |
| | | $1,238 41 | |
| | | | 4,268 10 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Departmental: | | |
| Old Age Assistance, | $1,979 43 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, | 576 22 | |
| Public Welfare, | 1,125 50 | |
| | | $3,681 15 |
| State Aid to Highways, | | 3,300 00 |
| Revenue 1952, Appropriations Voted, | | 114 91 |
| Due from County—Wild Cat Bounty, | | 10 00 |
| Loans Authorized—New School Construction, | | 68,230 00 |
| | | $123,738 43 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended Appropriation Balances: | | |
| General, | $ 5,876 29 | |
| School Construction, | 10,000 00 | |
| | | 15,876 29 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus | | 1,538 78 |
| Overlay Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1951, | | 487 52 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise, | $ 984 03 | |
| Departmental, | 3,681 15 | |
| | | 4,665 18 |
| Loans Authorized Unissued, | | 68,230 00 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | |
| Current Year, | $ 323 78 | |
| Prior Years, | 5,688 40 | |
| | | 6,012 18 |
| | | $123,738 43 |

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Net Funded or Fixed Debt, | $2,400 00 | Departmental Equipment Loan, | $2,400 00 |

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## TOWN WARRANT
### February 14, 1953

Polls will open at 12 noon and may close at 6 P. M. Business meeting will open at 8 P. M.

**Art. 1**—To bring in and cast their vote by ballot for the following Town Officers; one Moderator, one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Tree Warden, one Tax Collector, one Auditor, all for one year; one School Committeeman, one Assessor and one Selectman, all for three years.

**Art. 2**—To see if the Selectmen shall be an agent for the Town in defense of any suits for and in behalf of the Town and to adjust all claims for damage against the Town and to choose an agent or pass any vote thereon.

**Art. 3**—To hear and act on the reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $16, 885.00 or any other sum for the operation of schools or take any vote in relation thereto.

**Art. 4**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial year, beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew a note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws; also temporary loans under provision of Section 6A, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

**Art. 5**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for Eden Glen Pond.

**Art. 6**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for expenses of Tree Warden or take any action relating thereto.

**Art. 7**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $472.33 for Pension Fund and Expense Fund as required by the Berkshire County Retirement Board and ordered by the Berkshire County Commissioners.

**Art. 8**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 or any other sum for the control of the Dutch Elm Disease.

**Art. 9**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $95.00 for Gypsy Moth work as required by the General Laws, Chapter 660 (Section 11, Acts of 1948).

**Art. 10**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,068.04 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account. $600.00 of which is to be used to pay first note on Town's loader-tractor.

**Art. 11**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $36.00 for tax titles.

**Art. 12**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as a member of the Judiciary Committee of the Eastern Berkshire Welfare District and raise and appropriate the sum of $65.00 for his services.

**Art. 13**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to pay its portion of the administration and equipment expense of the Eastern Berkshire Welfare District.

**Art. 14**—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from overlay surplus to Reserve Account.

**Art. 15**—To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended. All salaries to be effective as of January 1, 1953.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Town Clerk | $50.00 | Chairman Assessors | $50.00 |
| Town Treasurer | 150.00 | Clerk Assessors | 60.00 |
| Tax Collector | 150.00 | 3rd member Assessors | 30.00 |
| Auditor | 25.00 | Tree Warden | 50.00 |
| Chairman Selectmen | 150.00 | Chairman School Com. | 10.00 |
| 2nd Member Selectmen | 50.00 | Clerk School Com. | 50.00 |
| 3rd Member Selectmen | 50.00 | 3rd Member School Com. | 10.00 |

**Art. 16**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the following purposes and pass any vote relating thereto. (Selectmen's recommendations). Maintenance of Highways, Chapter 81, $780.00; Chapter 90, Frost Road, $1,000.00; Chapter 90 Maintenance, $600.00; Snow Removal, $2,500.00; Bridges, $500.00; Appointed Officers, $100.00; Miscellaneous, $600.00; Officers, $900.00; Tree Warden, $25.00; Officer's Bonds, $30.00; Discount on Notes, $2,164.00; Forest Warden, $100.00; Old Age Assistance, $7,500.00; Aid to Dependent Children, $4,000.00; Public Welfare, $500.00; Cemetery, $100.00; Snow Fence, $100.00; Becket Fire Department, $500.00; Becket Firemen, $100.00; Insurance on Buildings, $1,000.00; Civil Defense, $200.00; Veterans' Aid, $200.00; Board of Health, $50.00; Workmen's Compensation, $600.00; Disability Aid, $300.00.

**Art. 17**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by its Board of Health when needed towards the care and hospitalization of infants weighing four and one half pounds or less at birth, in accordance with Section 3, Chapter 3 of the General Laws as amended. (Chapter 601, Acts of 1949).

**Art. 18**—To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of studying the Town's requirements for fire protection and get information regarding equipment needed to meet those requirements, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be applied toward the purchase of said equipment or take any action relating thereto.

**Art. 19**—To see if the Town will vote to have non-political caucuses for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted for at any election of town officers for which official ballots are used, in accordance with Chapter 53 of the General Laws, Section 117 to Section 121 inclusive.

**Art. 20**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell all town land acquired by the Town through default of payment of taxes.

**Art. 21**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to dispose of such school equipment as may not be used in the new school building, and to apply the proceeds from the sale of any such equipment toward the purchase of new equipment for use in the said school building.

**Art. 22**—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Valley School property of said Town and place all of the money derived from that sale in the general funds of the Treasury of the Town.

**Art. 23**—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing utensils for the school kitchen, and to authorize the School Building Committee to make such purchases as initial equipment for the new school and thereby subject to State Aid as provided under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended.

**Art. 24**—To choose all other Town Officers not required by law to be chosen by ballot: Field Drivers, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurers of Wood and Bark, Sexton and Constables.

**Art. 25**—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

## TOWN OFFICERS IN 1952

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### MODERATOR
Harry C. Shaw

### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER
C. A. R. Simmons

### SELECTMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman | Term expires 1952 |
| John Campbell, Jr. | Term expires 1953 |
| C. A. R. Simmons | Term expires 1954 |

### ASSESSORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Alexander G. Jarvie, Chairman | Term expires 1952 |
| Robert E. Smalley, Clerk | Term expires 1953 |
| Albert E. Larson | Term expires 1954 |

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|---|---|
| Clara A. Baker | Term expires 1952 |
| Venice J. Rock, Clerk | Term expires 1953 |
| Alexander G. Jarvie, Chairman | Term expires 1954 |

### TREE WARDEN
Ernest F. Schulze

### AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR
Marguerite E. Schulze

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Selectmen

## APPOINTEES

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FOREST WARDEN
Ernest F. Schulze

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Joseph N. Blotz

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING
Ernest F. Schulze
Joseph N. Blotz

FIELD DRIVERS
John L. Peer
C. A. R. Simmons
Emil Schulze

POUND KEEPER
C. A. R. Simmons

CONSTABLES
Theodore E. Cameron
C. A. R. Simmons
Henry E. Rock
Leon Sheehan
Joseph Furlong, Jr.
Amos E. Gallant
Philip Bohrer

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK
Philip Bohrer

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER
Harry D. Olds

FENCE VEWERS
John Campbell, Sr.
Carl H. Peer
Philip Bohrer

SEXTON
George N. Burnham

MOTH INSPECTOR
Ernest F. Schulze

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS
Amos E. Gallant

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
Roland Daigle

INSPECTOR OF ELECTRIC WIRING
Louis M. Baker

DOG OFFICER
Zigmund Zaleski

FIRE CHIEF
Joseph Furlong, Jr.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### 1952 APPROPRIATIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools | $14,975.00 |
| Anniversary Incorporation Washington (175 yrs.) | 100.00 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 50.00 |
| Tree Warden Expense | 25.00 |
| Berkshire County Retirement Fund and Expense | 293.00 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 50.00 |
| Gypsy Moth | 94.30 |
| Tax Title | 36.00 |
| Welfare Agent | 67.50 |
| Eastern Berkshire Welfare District | 150.00 |
| Chapter 81 | 780.00 |
| Chapter 90 Construction | 1,000.00 |
| Bridges | 500.00 |
| Appointed Officers | 100.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 600.00 |
| Town Officers | 900.00 |
| Tree Warden | 50.00 |
| Officers' Bonds | 30.00 |
| Discount on Notes | 200.00 |
| Forest Warden | 100.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 6,000.00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 3,500.00 |
| Public Welfare | 500.00 |
| Cemetery | 100.00 |
| Snow Fence | 100.00 |
| Becket Fire Department | 500.00 |
| Becket Firemen | 100.00 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 300.00 |
| Civil Defense | 200.00 |
| Veterans' Aid | 200.00 |
| Board of Health | 50.00 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 500.00 |
| Snow Removal | 2,000.00 |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance | 600.00 |
| Board of Health (care of infants) | 100.00 |
| | $34,851.70 |

Art. 11—Voted to appropriate the sum of $2,194.12 from Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

Art. 15—Voted to appropriate the sum of $275.00 from overlay surplus to Reserve Account.

Art. 19—Voted to appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 from available surplus funds to add to new school house fund.

Art. 20—Voted to appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 from available surplus funds towards the reduction of the 1952 tax rate.

Art. 21—Voted to appropriate the sum of $500.00 from available funds in the treasury to be a portion of fund to be created for the purpose of purchasing a suitable fire fighting apparatus for the town.

## CHAPTER 81

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|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $ 780.00 |
| State Appropriation | 14,300.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | .03 |
| Total Available | $15,080.03 |

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|---|---|
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $2,019.75 |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 867.90 |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 848.25 |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 421.26 |
| Howard Smith, truck | 34.00 |
| L. P. Adams, 15 T road salt | 327.44 |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 936.92 |
| Washington tractor | 385.70 |
| Washington loader | 337.90 |
| Washington tractor and plow | 440.63 |
| Washington monarch tractor | 100.75 |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 711.72 |
| Town of Tyringham, scraper | 59.60 |
| Town of Tyringham, spreader | 8.80 |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 297.95 |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 52.40 |
| Town of Becket, rake | 31.00 |

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|---|---|
| Town of Becket, spreader | $ 13.00 |
| L. Strout, labor | 24.88 |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 1,043.71 |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 1,099.47 |
| John Winn, compressor | 80.00 |
| C. Kinney, truck | 48.75 |
| John Peer, truck | 321.75 |
| John Peer, truck and plow | 414.00 |
| Fred Connor, truck | 197.00 |
| Carl W. Peer, truck | 282.50 |
| Carl W. Peer, truck and plow | 179.25 |
| A. W. Tryon, truck | 45.00 |
| R. W. Tryon, truck | 45.00 |
| M. Phelps, truck | 45.00 |
| Edward Murray, truck | 220.25 |
| Edward Murray, operator | 17.00 |
| Joseph Furlong, Jr., power mower | 322.00 |
| Joseph Furlong, Jr., tractor operator | 48.75 |
| Hulbert Explosive Co., dynamite (150 lb.) | 36.20 |
| Hulbert Explosive Co., No. 6 caps (150) | 20.63 |
| Lane Construction Co., steamix (105.08T) | 756.30 |
| L. P. Adams, 1 brush hook | 1.50 |
| 1 rake | 1.65 |
| 1 sledge hammer handle | .65 |
| 7 doz. rake pegs | 3.85 |
| 1 gal. paint | 5.95 |
| 1 can enamel | .30 |
| 2 snath | 7.90 |
| 1 axe handle | 1.10 |
| 2 whet stones | .80 |
| 2 axe handles | 2.20 |
| 4 scythes | 11.20 |
| Leona Fassell, 900 yds. gravel | 90.00 |
| Weed Toxin Co. 10 gals. toxin | 99.00 |
| Berkshire Gravel Co. 245.55 T grits | 392.88 |
| American Tar Co. 3639 gal. MC3 tar, 2936 gals. T6 tar | 1,238.72 |

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|---|---|
| H. H. Snyder, transport weed tox | $ 2.35 |
| New Eng. Metal Culvert, 28 ft. culvert, 12 couplings | 51.75 |
| Alfred LaCasse, 175 yd. gravel | 17.50 |
| Kelley Lumber Co., 12—2x4—8 ft. 1 br. | 8.32 |
| | $15,080.03 |

## CHAPTER 90, FROST ROAD

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $1,000.00 |
| Berkshire County | | 1,000.00 |
| State | | 2,000.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 2.12 |
| Total Available | | $4,002.12 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $321.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 128.60 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator | 238.50 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 36.58 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 228.92 | |
| John Peer, 4 yd. truck | 446.26 | |
| Mrs. Leona Fassell, 300 yds. gravel | 30.00 | |
| Mrs. Carrie Levernoch, 1400 yds. gravel | 140.00 | |
| L. P. Adams, 1 ton cement | 24.00 | |
| Fred Connor, 4 yd. truck | 233.75 | |
| A. Cormier, 3 yd. truck | 14.00 | |
| Howard Smith, 4 yd. truck | 267.66 | |
| New Eng. Metal Culvert, 90 ft. culverts, 3 couplings | 240.61 | |
| Murray Stone, mixer | 16.00 | |
| Fred Connor, operator, bulldozer | 31.50 | |
| Town of Becket, bulldozer | 100.00 | |
| Town of Becket, scraper | 1.00 | |
| Town of Becket, rake | 2.00 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 237.18 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 241.90 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Edward Gallant, labor | $ 7.08 | |
| Joseph Fassell, mason | 48.00 | |
| Edward Murray, power saw | 48.00 | |
| Edward Murray, tractor operator | 12.00 | |
| Edward Murray, 4 yd. truck | 274.03 | |
| A. Hebert, crane | 304.00 | |
| Town of Washington, loader | 295.95 | |
| Town of Washington, tractor | 33.60 | |
| | | $4,002.12 |

## CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $600.00 |
| Berkshire County | | 600.00 |
| State | | 600.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | .16 |
| Total Available | | $1,800.16 |
| Amos Gallant, superintendent | $28.50 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 11.40 | |
| Roy Simmons, spread operator | 27.76 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 23.60 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 15.34 | |
| Edward Gallant, labor | 8.26 | |
| Louis Blotz, 3 yd. truck | 19.20 | |
| L. Strout, labor | 15.34 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 15.34 | |
| Town of Becket, spreader | 12.00 | |
| Louis Blotz, 3 yd. truck | 45.50 | |
| E. Kinney, 3½ yd. truck | 45.00 | |
| Edward Murray, 4 yd. truck | 55.25 | |
| A. W. Tryon, 3½ yd. truck | 45.00 | |
| R. W. Tryon, 3½ yd. truck | 45.00 | |
| Berkshire Gravel, 315 T Grits | 504.00 | |
| M. Phelps, 3½ yd. truck | 15.00 | |
| C. Kimberly, 2 T International | 30.00 | |
| American Tar Co., 4552 gal. MC3 tar | 838.67 | |
| | | $1,800.16 |

## 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF WASHINGTON INCORPORATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $100.00 |
| Andrew Methe, dance orchestra and table horses | $25.50 | |
| Ruth M. Jarvie, food and supplies | 39.17 | |
| Ruth M. Jarvie, cost tuning piano | 8.00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, postage | 2.56 | |
| | | 75.23 |
| Unexpended, transferred to Miscellaneous | | $24.77 |

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $300.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 29.90 |
| Total Available | | $329.90 |
| E. H. Pierce and Co. Policy 719726 School and contents less dividend and credit | $165.08 | |
| E. H. Pierce and Co. Policy 1T4627 Town Equipment | 61.50 | |
| E. H. Pierce and Co. town garage | 95.76 | |
| weights, measures and balances | 7.56 | |
| | | $329.90 |

## BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT PENSION AND EXPENSE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $293.90 |
| John J. Shields, County Treasurer | $293.90 |

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $500.00 |
| E. H. Pierce & Co. | $399.77 | 399.77 |
| Unexpended, transferred to Civil Defense | | $100.23 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $3,500.00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,801.26 |
| U. S. Grant carried from 1951 | | 770.85 |
| Total Available | | $7,072.11 |
| Expended Town Appropriation | $3,500.00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grants | 2,878.74 | |
| Total Expended | | $6,378.74 |
| Unexpended | | $693.37 |

Payroll Expenditures

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| January 15 to 31 | $268.81 | |
| February 1 to 15 | 207.20 | |
| February 15 to 29 | 261.54 | |
| March 1 to 15 | 226.90 | |
| March 15 to 31 | 226.90 | |
| April 1 to 15 | 226.90 | |
| April 15 to 30 | 361.20 | |
| May 1 to 15 | 226.90 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 287.51 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 226.90 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 236.90 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 244.05 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 265.90 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 244.05 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 310.85 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 241.35 | |
| September 15 to 30 | 349.13 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 314.55 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 407.80 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 312.05 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 379.80 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 273.40 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 278.15 | |
| | | $6,378.74 |

## AID TO CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Unexpended from 1951 | | $ 1.91 |
| U.S. Grant | | 8.44 |
| Total Available | | $10.35 |
| Unexpended | | $10.35 |

## EDEN GLEN POND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $50.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 17.10 |
| Total Available | | $77.10 |
| L. A. Harris, labor and material gate | $34.10 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 9.00 | |
| Murray Stone, team | 24.00 | |
| C. V. Controy, protective sign | 10.00 | |
| | | $77.10 |

## TREE WARDEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50.00 |
| Ernest Schulze | 50.00 |

## TREE WARDEN EXPENSE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $25.00 |
| Unexpended | 25.00 |

## DUTCH ELM DISEASE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $50.00 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | 18.88 |
| Unexpended | $31.12 |

## FOREST WARDEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100.00 |
| Unexpended | $100.00 |

## TAX TITLES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $36.00 |
| Unexpended | | $36.00 |

## WELFARE AGENT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $67.50 |
| John Campbell, Jr., salary | $37.50 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, salary | 30.00 | |
| | | $67.50 |

## OFFICERS' BONDS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $30.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 6.50 |
| Total Available | | $36.50 |
| C. D. Hebb Agency, Deputy Tax Collector | $ 5.00 | |
| C. D. Hebb Agency Town Clerk | 5.00 | |
| C. D. Hebb Agency, Town Treasurer | 10.00 | |
| Mass. Bonding Co., Tax Collector | 16.50 | |
| | | $36.50 |

## DISCOUNT ON NOTES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $200.00 |
| Day Trust Co., tractor loader | $ 52.30 | |
| Day Trust Co., anticipation tax | 143.65 | |
| | | 195.95 |
| Unexpended | | $4.05 |

## BRIDGES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $500.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | 12.72 |
| Total Available | $512.72 |

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|---|---|---|
| Rock Lumber Co. 1231 ft. 16′ plank | $104.56 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., 5,000 cement | 60.00 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., 1 trowel | 3.20 | |
| Joseph Fassell, mason | 48.00 | |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 18.88 | |
| Joseph Blotz, labor | 37.76 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 56.64 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 66.08 | |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | 84.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 33.60 | |
| | | $512.72 |

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $100.00 |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Animal Inspector | $30.00 | |
| Zigmund Zaleski, Dog Officer | 10.00 | |
| L. M. Baker, Electric Inspector | 10.00 | |
| Joseph N. Blotz, Inspector Slaughter | 25.00 | |
| | | $75.00 |
| Unexpended | | $25.00 |

## CEMETERIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $100.00 |
| George N. Burnham, labor | $100.00 |

## TOWN OF BECKET FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $500.00 |
| Town of Becket | $500.00 |

## PUBLIC WELFARE (General Relief)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | | $500.00 |
| State Cases | $228.00 | |
| Other Towns | 23.20 | |
| | | $251.20 |
| Unexpended | | $248.80 |

## EASTERN BERKSHIRE COUNTY WELFARE DISTRICT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $150.00 |
| Appropriated at Special Town Meeting | | 200.00 |
| Total Available | | $350.00 |
| Marston Inc., 4-drawer metal file cabinet | $ 59.05 | |
| Virginia Palmer, Treas., part cost maint. | 75.00 | |
| Virginia Palmer, Treas., advance in lieu of delayed reimbursements | 200.00 | |
| | | $334.05 |
| Unexpended | | $15.95 |

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $6,000.00 |
| Appropriated at Special Town Meeting | | 500.00 |
| U. S. Grant | | 2,495.00 |
| U. S. Grant carried over from 1951 | | 2,454.28 |
| Total Available | | $11,449.28 |
| Expended Town Appropriations | $6,500.00 | |
| Expended U. S. Grants | 4,754.26 | |
| Total Expended | | $11,254.26 |
| Unexpended | | $ 195.02 |

### Payroll Expenditures

| | |
|---|---|
| January 15 to 31 | $503.90 |
| February 1 to 15 | 422.70 |
| February 15 to 29 | 487.68 |
| March 1 to 15 | 422.70 |
| March 15 to 31 | 532.94 |
| April 1 to 15 | 446.40 |
| April 15 to 30 | 560.92 |

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|---|---|---|
| May 1 to 15 | $ 406.85 | |
| May 15 to 31 | 548.09 | |
| June 1 to 15 | 394.05 | |
| June 15 to 30 | 482.60 | |
| July 1 to 15 | 394.05 | |
| July 15 to 31 | 480.85 | |
| August 1 to 15 | 454.85 | |
| August 15 to 31 | 474.15 | |
| September 1 to 15 | 412.90 | |
| September 15 to 31 | 537.89 | |
| October 1 to 15 | 405.00 | |
| October 15 to 31 | 758.67 | |
| November 1 to 15 | 482.05 | |
| November 15 to 30 | 593.20 | |
| December 1 to 15 | 482.05 | |
| December 15 to 31 | 569.77 | |
| | | $11,254.26 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Unexpended from 1951 | $10.25 |
| Received U. S. Grant | 12.59 |
| | $22.84 |
| John Campbell, Jr., mileage, post. and tel. | 7.91 |
| Unexpended | $14.93 |

## TOWN OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated Annual Town Meeting | | $900.00 |
| Ernest Schulze, Ballot Clerk | $ 3.00 | |
| Florence Simmons, Ballot Clerk | 12.00 | |
| Elizabeth Gallant, Ballot Clerk | 12.00 | |
| Emil Schulze, Ballot Clerk | 3.00 | |
| Amos Gallant, Ballot Clerk | 3.00 | |
| John Campbell, Jr., Selectman | 50.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Clerk | $ 50.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Town Treasurer | 150.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, Selectman | 50.00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, Chairman Selectmen | 150.00 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, Tax Collector | 150.00 | |
| Alexander Jarvie, Chairman Assessors | 50.00 | |
| Robert Smalley, Clerk Assessors | 60.00 | |
| Albert Larson, Assessor | 30.00 | |
| Alexander Jarvie, Chairman School Com. | 10.00 | |
| Clara Baker, School Committee | 10.00 | |
| Venice Rock, Clerk School Committee | 50.00 | |
| Roland Daigle, Sealer Weights and Meas. | 10.00 | |
| Harry C. Shaw, 5 registrations | 10.00 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, 5 registrations | 10.00 | |
| Joseph Furlong, Jr., Ballot Clerk | 3.00 | |
| | | $876.00 |
| Unexpended | | $24.00 |

## BECKET FIREMEN

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $100.00 |
| Unexpended, transferred to Civil Defense | $100.00 |

## SNOW FENCE

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100.00 |
| Unexpended | $100.00 |
| Transferred to Miscellaneous Account $100.00 | |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $600.00 |
| Transferred from 175th Anniversary | 24.77 |
| Transferred from Snow Fence | 100.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | 91.83 |
| Total Available | $816.60 |

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|---|---|
| Western Mass. Elec. Co., Town Hall and garage light | $ 21.13 |
| Hobbs & Warren, Treasury Warrants, Assessors' and Tax Collector sheets and forms | 115.32 |
| Mrs. Mary Schulze, cord wood | 14.00 |
| New York Central R. R., water rent | 5.00 |
| Carr Hardware Co., window glass, sash pts. | 4.07 |
| Coyle Letter Service, mult. 500 forms | 11.50 |
| Roy Simmons, tractor plates | 3.00 |
| Stevenson & Co., blast bond | 10.00 |
| Pittsfield National Bank, check books | 8.32 |
| C. T. Brigham, 5000 Dixie Cups | 12.25 |
| F. X. Lang, certifiying notes | 14.00 |
| Mass. Selectmen's Assoc. 1952 dues | 10.00 |
| William Shandoff, ledger, journal and P.R. record | 11.65 |
| Eagle Printing & Binding Co., town reports and envelopes | 169.07 |
| Eagle Printing & Binding Co., 150 ballots, 5 special | 21.50 |
| Harry C. Shaw, phones, postage and mileage | 79.15 |
| E. P. Gowdy, one 470 file | 52.82 |
| E. P. Gowdy, folders, cards and office sup. | 13.08 |
| Mass. Collectors' and Treas. Ass'n. 1952 dues | 4.00 |
| Emil Schulze, T. H. Janitor | 3.00 |
| Mass. Assessor's Assn. State and County 1952 dues | 9.00 |
| Ernest Schulze, postage and janitor service | 3.95 |
| Berkshire Selectmen's Assn. 1952 dues | 3.00 |
| Mass. Dept. Safety, Form 329 | .70 |
| Marguerite Schulze, 500 stamped envelopes | 17.55 |
| Barre Gazette, excise and poll tax bills | 9.60 |
| Donald Feder, 2—200 W bulbs | .60 |
| American Writing Ink Co., one pint ink | .60 |
| Dorothy Durant, stamped envelopes | 35.16 |
| Marsten Inc., one ink eradicator | .50 |

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|---|---|---|
| Mass. Town Clerk's Ass'n. 1952 dues | $ 5.00 | |
| Berkshire Eagle, advt. for bids | 1.75 | |
| Cain, Chesney, Lewis & Capeless, legal services | 10.00 | |
| Venice J. Rock, telephones | 3.90 | |
| L. M. Baker, mileage | 3.12 | |
| A. G. Jarvie, mileage, tel. post. and tuition | 37.25 | |
| Henry M. Donahue, tax information | 25.00 | |
| Harold F. Goggins, photostats | 5.20 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, tel, postage and mileage | 36.70 | |
| C. A. R. Simmons, recording births, deaths and marriages | 12.50 | |
| Robert Smalley, postage and telephones | 2.69 | |
| Ernest Schulze, post. permits and storage equipment | 5.30 | |
| Marguerite Schulze, postage and telephones | 4.67 | |
| | | $816.60 |

## SNOW REMOVAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $2,000.00 |
| Transferred from Reserve | | 10.21 |
| Total Available | | $2,010.21 |
| Amos Gallant, Superintendent | $255.15 | |
| Amos Gallant, pickup | 24.00 | |
| Emil Schulze, labor | 76.41 | |
| John L. Peer, truck | 31.00 | |
| John L. Peer, plow | 44.00 | |
| L. A. Harris, repairing plow and material | 28.62 | |
| Washington, plow | 51.30 | |
| Washington, loader | 10.50 | |
| Emil Bohrer, labor | 4.72 | |
| Claude Goodell, truck | 341.00 | |
| C. W. Peer, truck | 31.50 | |
| C. W. Peer, plow | 57.00 | |
| Socony Oil Co., 494.3 gasoline (gal.) | 128.71 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | $ 39.53 | |
| Alfred Gwara, snowplow blade | 20.00 | |
| Town Sandisfield, use of plow | 10.00 | |
| Tyler Equipment Co., 2 set plow blades | 99.92 | |
| Berkshire Gravel Co., 500.6 T sand | 375.78 | |
| Roy Simmons, tractor operator and labor | 108.98 | |
| Louis Blotz, truck | 272.09 | |
| | | $2,010.21 |

## CIVIL DEFENSE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $200.00 |
| Appropriated at Special Town Meeting | | 200.00 |
| Carried from 1951 | | 87.36 |
| Transferred from Workmen's Compensation | | 100.23 |
| Transferred from Becket Firemen | | 100.00 |
| Total Available | | $687.59 |
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co. | $ 33.05 | |
| Pittsfield Hdw. Co., locks, hasp, keys | 12.05 | |
| Moon Sporting Goods Co., 7x50 binocular | 49.20 | |
| Bradford Glass Co., sash for tower | 59.00 | |
| Ferry Lumber Co., lumber for tower | 160.42 | |
| Dettinger Lumber Co., lumber | 12.60 | |
| John Bartsch, labor and material | 282.29 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., 80 sq. feet insulation | 4.00 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., 6 ft. 4x8 wall board | 9.60 | |
| L. P. Adams Co., 1 box rock wool | 3.80 | |
| | | $626.01 |
| Unexpended | | $61.58 |

## VETERAN'S AID

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $200.00 |
| Unexpended | $200.00 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $50.00 |
| Unexpended | $50.00 |

## GYPSY MOTH

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | $94.30 |
| Ernest Schulze, labor | 18.88 |
| Unexpended | $75.42 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH (premature infants)

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated | $100.00 |
| Unexpended | $100.00 |

## MACHINERY

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual and Special Town Meetings from Machinery Fund | $5,255.05 |
| Borrowed from Day Trust Co. | 2,578.00 |
| Total Available | $7,833.05 |

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|---|---|
| Socony Vacuum Oil Co., 1102.5 gal. gaso. | $286.93 |
| Amos Gallant, labor | 7.50 |
| Roy Simmons, labor | 13.50 |
| Joseph N. Blotz, labor | 10.62 |
| Berkshire Tractor Co., hub and bushing | 11.90 |
| L. A. Harris, repair loader tire | 1.50 |
| L. A. Harris, repair loader | 28.48 |
| L. A. Harris, install lights and heater and material | 47.89 |
| Tyler Equipment Co., tractor-loader | 3,578.00 |
| Day Trust Co., 4 notes | 2,400.00 |
| E. W. Sauerwine, 21.2 gals. gasoline | 5.89 |
| Central Petroleum Co., 20 gals winter oil | 22.76 |

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|---|---|---|
| Central Petroleum Co., brl. hydro and trac. oil | $ 42.55 | |
| W. A. Mueriel, Jr., tractor lights | 27.00 | |
| Joseph Gillett, heater and wiper | 2.00 | |
| Connelly's Service Co., 3 gals. Prestone | 11.25 | |
| | | $6,497.77 |
| Unexpended | | $1,335.28 |

NEW SCHOOL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated from Available Surplus Funds in Treasury | | $13,000.00 |
| Borrowed from Day Trust Co. (86 notes) | | 86,000.00 |
| Borrowed from Day Trust Co. (short term note) | | 10,000.00 |
| | | $109,000.00 |
| Bradley & Gass, Architects | $ 5,633.89 | |
| E. J. Cramer, Contractor | 48,600.00 | |
| C. B. Parks & Co., Water System (pump and parts) | 932.03 | |
| R. E. Chapman, Artesian Well | 1,927.50 | |
| J. R. Kelly, Surveyor | 105.10 | |
| Cain, Chesney, Lewis & Capeless, legal fee | 50.00 | |
| American Bank Note Co., Bond coupons | 79.85 | |
| Gainey's Const. Newsletter, proposal | 12.00 | |
| F. W. Dodge Corp., proposal | 18.80 | |
| Berkshire Eagle, advertising for bids | 10.08 | |
| Day Trust Co., interest on note | 6.39 | |
| F. X. Lang, certification of 86 notes | 86.00 | |
| Day Trust Co., payment short term note | 10,000.00 | |
| | | $67,461.64 |
| Unexpended | | $41,538.36 |

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated at Annual Town Meeting | | $275.00 |
| Transferred to: | | |
| Insurance on buildings | $29.90 | |
| Officers' Bonds | 6.50 | |
| Eden Glen Pond | 27.10 | |
| Chapter 90 maintenance | .16 | |
| Chapter 90 construction | 2.12 | |
| Bridges | 12.72 | |
| Chapter 81 | .03 | |
| Civil Defense | 25.78 | |
| Snow Account | 10.21 | |
| Miscellaneous | 91.83 | |
| | | $206.35 |
| Unexpended | | $68.65 |

## RECAPITULATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Old Age Assistance | $11,254.26 |
| Old Age Administration | 7.91 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 6,378.74 |
| Public Welfare | 251.20 |
| 175th Anniversary Incorporation of Town | 75.23 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 329.90 |
| Officers' Bonds | 36.50 |
| Interest on Notes | 195.95 |
| Miscellaneous | 816.60 |
| Gypsy Moth Control | 18.88 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 18.88 |
| Bridges | 512.72 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 399.77 |
| Civil Defense | 626.01 |
| Cemeteries | 100.00 |
| Berkshire County Retirement | 293.90 |
| Welfare Agent | 67.50 |
| Appointed Officers | 75.00 |

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|---|---|
| Machinery | $ 6,497.77 |
| Chapter 81 | 15,080.03 |
| Officers of Town | 876.00 |
| Tree Warden | 50.00 |
| Eden Glen Pond | 77.10 |
| Eastern Berkshire Welfare District | 334.05 |
| Chapter 90 Frost Road | 4,002.12 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 1,800.16 |
| Becket Fire Department | 500.00 |
| Snow Removal | 2,010.21 |
| New School | 67,461.64 |
| | $120,148.03 |

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. SHAW, *Chairman*
C. A. R. SIMMONS
JOHN CAMPBELL, Jr.

*Board of Selectmen.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1952 | | $44,394.75 |
| 1950 Property tax | $ 251.73 | |
| 1950 Excise | 100.65 | |
| 1950 Poll | 2.00 | |
| 1951 Property | 1,430.08 | |
| 1951 Excise | 299.65 | |
| 1951 Poll | 20.00 | |
| 1952 Property | 11,338.73 | |
| 1952 Excise | 887.34 | |
| 1952 Poll | 104.00 | |
| 1950 Interest | 25.87 | |
| 1951 Interest | 44.15 | |
| 1952 Interest | 2.46 | |
| | | $14,506.66 |
| Selectmen's Licenses | $ 710.00 | |
| Tractor Earnings, Town of Washington | 1,656.33 | |
| Town of Hinsdale, use of tractor | 104.50 | |
| Town of Becket, use of tractor | 698.00 | |
| Phil Raymond, use of tractor | 115.00 | |
| Mt. Sand & Gravel, use of tractor | 45.50 | |
| County of Berkshire, wild cat bounty | 10.00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 151.40 | |
| Dog license refund, County | 126.87 | |
| District Court | 10.00 | |
| Withholding tax | 1,733.20 | |
| Berkshire County, retirement | 299.46 | |
| Chapter 81, 1951 contract | 3,300.00 | |
| Chapter 81, 1952 contract | 14,300.00 | |
| Chapter 90 maintenance, State | 600.00 | |
| Chapter 90 maintenance, County | 600.00 | |
| Chapter 90 construction, County | 1,000.00 | |
| Chapter 90 construction, State | 2,000.00 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Highway Loan, Day Trust Co. | $ 16,900.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal | 2,495.00 | |
| Old Age Assistance, State | 6,405.14 | |
| Old Age Assistance, other towns | 908.71 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Administration | 12.59 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, Federal | 2,801.26 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, State | 1,905.03 | |
| Aid Dependent Children, Administration | 8.44 | |
| Old Age Meal tax | 285.23 | |
| Income tax | 7,290.61 | |
| Corporation tax, business | 818.00 | |
| Temporary Aid and Transportation | 968.75 | |
| Division of Livestock | 15.00 | |
| Loss of taxes | 8,405.15 | |
| Division of Child Guardianship | 278.52 | |
| Day Trust Co. Boston, Temporary loan | 10,000.00 | |
| Day Trust Co., School loan | 86,000.00 | |
| Interest and sale of notes on loan | 690.64 | |
| Day Trust Co., loan for Loader | 2,578.00 | |
| Interest on loan | 1.43 | |
| High School Transportation | 3,354.65 | |
| Superintendent of Schools | 729.00 | |
| Interest on savings | 146.08 | |
| Sealer of weights and measures | 2.00 | |
| | | $180,459.49 |
| Total Receipts for year 1952 | | $239,360.90 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|---|
| Selectmen's orders | $120,148.03 |
| School | 14,860.65 |
| Collector of Internal Revenue | 2,068.30 |
| Highway loan | 19,920.00 |
| Dog licenses | 151.40 |
| County Tax | 721.17 |
| State Parks | 40.64 |
| State Audit | 150.19 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Berkshire County Mosquito control | $ 54.70 | |
| Tax Refund | 201.06 | |
| Berkshire County Retirement | 299.46 | |
| | | $158,615.60 |

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|---|---|---|
| Cash in Checking account | $38,470.32 | |
| Cash on hand | 1,329.17 | |
| Berkshire County Savings Bank | 4,000.00 | |
| Interest on Savings | 146.08 | |
| Day Trust Co. Boston | 36,799.73 | |
| | | $80,745.30 |

PITTSFIELD NATIONAL BANK

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance Dec. 31, 1952 as per statement | | $43,676.03 |
| Balance as per check Book Dec. 31, 1952 | $38,470.32 | |
| Outstanding checks as per list Dec. 31, 1952 | 5,205.71 | |
| | | $43,676.03 |

DAY TRUST COMPANY, BOSTON

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance Dec. 31, 1952 as per statement | | $51,119.93 |
| Balance as per check book Dec. 31, 1952 | $36,799.73 | |
| Outstanding checks Dec. 31, 1952 | 14,320.20 | |
| | | $51,119.93 |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Treasurer.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### Dog Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Male, 45 at $2.00 | $ 90.00 | |
| Female, 7 at $5.00 | 35.00 | |
| Spayed female, 15 at $2.00 | 30.00 | |
| Kennel, 1 at $10.00 | 10.00 | |
| | $165.00 | |
| Fees retained | 13.60 | |
| Paid treasurer | | $151.40 |

### Sporting Licenses

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Resident Citizen Fishing, 18 at $3.25 | $ 58.50 | |
| Resident Citizen Hunting, 15 at $3.25 | 48.75 | |
| Resident Citizen Sporting, 11 at $5.25 | 57.75 | |
| Resident Citizen Minor, fishing, 4 at $1.25 | 5.00 | |
| Resident Citizen Female, fishing, 6 at $2.25 | 13.50 | |
| Resident Citizen Trapping, 3 at $5.25 | 15.75 | |
| Duplicate license, 3 at $.50 | 1.50 | |
| | $200.75 | |
| Fees retained | 14.25 | |
| Paid treasurer | | $186.50 |

## Deaths

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1948 | | |
| Feb. | 4 | Carl Peer, 75 yrs. |
| 1952 | | |
| Jan. | 4 | Emma Brundige Brundige, 78 yrs. |
| Jan. | 16 | George Zeigler, 86 yrs. |
| Feb. | 8 | George H. Davenport, 58 yrs. |
| Sept. | 1 | Mark A. Schiller, 96 yrs. |
| Oct. | 31 | Agnes Watson Johnson, 75 yrs. |
| Dec. | 7 | John Ludwig Peer, 47 yrs. |
| Dec. | 24 | Anna Johnson Loomis, 82 yrs. |

## Marriages

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aug. | 2 | Dale Franklin Lackey and Helen Joan Goodell. |

## Births

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1952 | | |
| Jan. | 27 | Mary Lee Wood, daughter of Theodore Marshall Wood and Therese Mary (Reilly) Wood. |
| June | 17 | Charles Albert Lane, Jr., son of Charles A. Lane and Frances H. (Alexander) Lane. |
| July | 18 | Shirley Anne Simmons, daughter of Roy George Simmons and Joan Beverly (Connelly) Simmons. |
| July | 27 | Norman Joseph Radwich, Jr., son of Norman Joseph Radwich and Elizabeth (McNeil) Radwich. |
| Sept. | 6 | Fred Corey Beckwith, son of Walter Major Beckwith and Ruth Emeline (Corey) Beckwith. |
| Sept. | 7 | Keith Lampro, son of Wilfred Arthur Lampro and Gertrude Lillian (Dunn) Lampro. |
| Sept. | 7 | Kevin Lampro, son of Wilfred Arthur Lampro and Gertrude Lillian (Dunn) Lampro. |
| Nov. | 7 | Debra Ann Eames, daughter of Allen Stuart Eames and Marie Anna (Campbell) Eames. |
| Nov. | 30 | Walter Edward Gwara, son of Raymond Alfred Gwara and Evelyn Frances (Beyer) Gwara. |
| Dec. | 7 | Colleen Ann Cameron, daughter of Theodore Elbert Cameron and Winifred May (Sayers) Cameron. |

CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS,
*Town Clerk.*

## 1952 ASSESSORS' REPORT

During the year 1952 the Board of Assessors has undertaken the task of completely revising the valuation and record-keeping procedures of this Office. The ever-increasing complexity of the task of tax assessment, occasioned by the passage of new tax laws and complicated by fluctuations in property values, make it necessary that the Assessors operate with an efficient, up-to-date system.

This work of streamlining the office of the Assessors has an ultimate threefold goal:

(1) To operate the business of tax assessment in an efficient manner so that the Taxpayer may be better served.

(2) To increase the scope and accuracy of the Assessors' records.

(3) To revaluate taxable properties so that assessed valuations will be realistic, and will be of an equalized nature.

Accomplishment of this work involves a tremendous amount of effort, and can hardly be completed in a single year. Progress has been made, however, and the proposed revisions may be introduced in 1953.

Following is a recapitulation of the 1952 records of the Board of Assessors of Washington:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total appropriations to be raised by taxation | | $34,851.70 | |
| Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds: | | | |
| (a) In 1952 | $4,969.12 | | |
| (b) In 1951 since 1950 tax rate fixed | 564.91 | | |
| Total from available funds | | $5,534.03 | |
| | | | $40,385.73 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1952 Estimates to be raised: | | | |
| State Pks. and Res. | $ 37.41 | | |
| State Audit of Mun. Accts. | 131.61 | | |
| Mosquito Control | 57.33 | | |
| | | $226.35 | |
| 1952 County Tax | | 761.75 | |
| Overlay of current year | | 767.48 | |
| | | | $1,755.58 |
| Gross Amount to be Raised | | | $42,141.31 |
| Estimated Receipts and Available Funds: | | | |
| Income Tax | $6,034.69 | | |
| Corp. Taxes | 479.81 | | |
| Reim., public land | 8,161.27 | | |
| Old Age Tax (Meals) | 198.56 | | |
| Motor Veh, and Trail. Ex. | 800.00 | | |
| Licenses | 400.00 | | |
| Fines | 50.00 | | |
| Protection pers., and prop. | 15.00 | | |
| Charities (not Fed. Gr.) | 1,000.00 | | |
| O. A. A. (not Fed. Gr.) | 2,000.00 | | |
| Schools (not Income Tax funds) | 1,885.00 | | |
| Interest on Taxes | 50.00 | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | | $21,074.33 | |
| Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds: | | | |
| County Tax | $78.32 | | |
| State Pks. and Res. | 4.09 | | |
| Berk. County Project | 23.17 | | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amounts voted to be taken from available funds: | | | |
| 12-31-51 | $ 114.91 | | |
| 12-31-51 | 450.00 | | |
| 2-11-52 | 4,969.12 | | |
| 2-11-52 | 2,000.00 | | |
| Total Available Funds | | $7,639.61 | |
| Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds | | | $28,713.94 |
| Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property | | | $13,427.37 |
| Polls: | | | |
| Number assessed—79 | | | |
| Tax | | $158.00 | |
| Total Property Valuation: | | | |
| Personal | $ 38,312.00 | | |
| Real Estate | 194,484.00 | | |
| Property Tax: | | | |
| Personal | | $ 2,183.78 | |
| Real Estate | | 11,085.59 | |
| Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property | | | $13,427.37 |

## 1952 TABLE OF AGGREGATES

| Number of Persons Assessed | Individuals | All Others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| On personal estate only | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| On real estate only | 63 | 6 | 69 |
| On both personal and real estate | 51 | 2 | 53 |
| Total number of persons assessed | | | 132 |
| Total number of polls assessed | | | 79 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Value of assessed personal estate: | | |
| Stock in trade | $ 675.00 | |
| Machinery | 9,025.00 | |
| Live Stock | 3,727.00 | |
| All other | 24,885.00 | |
| Total Value, assessed personal estate | | $38,312.00 |
| Value of assessed real estate: | | |
| Land exclusive of buildings | $125,929.00 | |
| Buildings exclusive of land | 68,555.00 | |
| Total Value, assessed real estate | | $194,484.00 |
| Total Valuation of Assessed Estate | | $232,796.00 |

Tax Rate per $1,000—$57.00

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Live Stock Assessed: | |
| Horses | 14 |
| Neat Cattle | 54 |
| Swine | 2 |
| Sheep | 15 |
| Fowl | 760 |
| Ducks | 22 |
| Goats | 12 |
| Number Assessed: | |
| Land Acres | 13,119.42 |
| Dwellings | 91 |
| Motor Vehicles | 110 |
| Motor Vehicle Taxes Levied | $1,583.75 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER G. JARVIE, *Chairman*
ROBERT E. SMALLEY, *Clerk*
ALBERT E. LARSON

*Assessors of Washington.*

## 1952 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### 1950 Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas in 1950 prop. taxes | $10,667.53 | Real Estate warrant | $11,547.57 |
| Abated prop. taxes | 46.40 | Personal tax | 1,658.63 |
| Abated prop. taxes refunded | 22.12 | Omitted prop. tax | 118.90 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 110.00 | Poll Tax Warrant | 148.00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 16.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas in 1951 poll taxes | 20.00 | | |
| Pd. Treas in 1952 poll taxes | 2.00 | | |
| Collected and paid Treas. in 1951 property | 1,807.39 | | |
| Abated prop. taxes in 1951 | 426.69 | | |
| Collected and paid Treas in 1952 | 251.73 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 103.24 | | |
| | $13,473.10 | | $13,473.10 |

### 1950 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas in 1950 | $1,019.09 | Excise Warrants | $1,390.29 |
| Abated in 1950 | 16.40 | | |
| Abated and refunded | 11.62 | | |
| Collected and paid Treas. in 1951 | 189.91 | | |
| Collected and paid Treas. in 1952 | 100.65 | | |
| Uncollected | 52.62 | | |
| | $1,390.29 | | $1,390.29 |

1950 interest collected and paid Treasurer in 1952—$25.87

1951 Property Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid Treas. in 1951 prop. taxes | $11,270.10 | Real Estate Warrant | $11,378.96 |
| Abated in 1951 prop. taxes | 145.00 | Personal tax | 1,948.34 |
| Paid Treas. in 1951 poll taxes | 104.00 | Poll tax warrant | 148.00 |
| Abated poll taxes | 22.00 | | |
| Paid Treas. poll taxes in 1952 | 20.00 | | |
| Uncollected poll tax | 2.00 | | |
| Paid Treas. in 1952 prop. taxes | 1,429.78 | | |
| Overpayment | .30 | | |
| Uncollected | 482.42 | | |
| | $13,475.60 | | $13,475.30 |

1951 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1951 | $1,119.41 | 1951 excise warrants | $1,481.67 |
| Abated in 1951 | 25.37 | Additional war. in 1952 | 89.16 |
| Pd. Treas. in 1952 | 299.65 | | |
| Abated in 1952 | 31.04 | | |
| Uncollected | 95.36 | | |
| | $1,570.83 | | $1,570.83 |

1951 interest collected in 1952 and paid Treasurer— $44.15

1952 Property Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1952 | $11,167.73 | Real Estate Warrant | $11,086.70 |
| Abated and refunded | 171.00 | Personal tax | 2,183.93 |
| Abated | 28.50 | Poll tax war. | 136.00 |
| Pd. Treas. poll taxes | 104.00 | | |
| Poll taxes abated | 10.00 | | |
| Uncollected poll taxes | 22.00 | | |
| Uncollected prop. taxes | 1,903.40 | | |
| | $13,406.63 | | $13,406.63 |

1952 Excise Taxes

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pd. Treas. in 1952 | $874.86 | Excise Warrants | $1,583.75 |
| Abated and refunded | 12.48 | | |
| Abated | 25.51 | | |
| Uncollected | 670.90 | | |
| | $1,583.75 | | $1,583.75 |

1952 interest collected in 1952 and paid Treasurer—$2.46

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE E. SCHULZE,
*Collector of Taxes.*

## REPORT OF EASTERN BERKSHIRE WELFARE DISTRICT AGENT

On July 1, 1952, the Town of Washington entered the Eastern Berkshire Welfare District, already comprised of the Towns of Hinsdale, Peru, and Becket. The District was originally formed on July 1, 1951, consisting then of the towns of Hinsdale and Peru. On August 15, 1951, Becket joined the District.

An office is maintained by the District and located at the corner of Main and Maple Streets, at Hinsdale. An office force consisting of an Agent and two clerks maintain the records and attend to the fiscal and financial business, with the Agent administering four categories of Assistance, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance, and General Relief.

Applications for assistance are accepted in the office, or if contacted by the telephone, the Agent will come to the home.

At present the Town of Washington has 6 cases on Old Age Assistance, 3 cases on Aid to Dependent Children, and 1 case on General Relief.

On September 15, 1952, all Nursing Homes in the Berkshire area advanced their prices for board and care, from $35.00 to $42.00 per week. This necessitated an increase in expenditures and brought about the need for a special appropriation at the fall town meeting.

At the close of my report is the District financial report, showing expenditures, appropriations, and reimbursements for 1952, for all four towns.

Washington's share of the District expenses is apportioned by percentage according to case loads. The percentages are changed at six month intervals and vary according to the number of current cases.

May I express my appreciation to the officials of the Town of Washington for their cooperation in carrying on the Public Welfare program.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE H. EAMES,
*Agent.*

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $6,500.00 | |
| Federal Grant balance, Jan. 1, 1952 | 2,454.28 | |
| Federal Grant received during 1952 | 2,495.00 | |
| Expenditures | | $11,254.26 |
| Balance carried forward Jan. 1, 1953 | | 195.02 |
| | $11,449.28 | $11,449.28 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Received from Commonwealth for OAA | $6,405.14 |
| Received from other cities and towns | 908.71 |

The above amounts are accounts receivable and as such are deposited in the Town General Funds.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cost to town for year on OAA | $2,354.12 |

Estimated Federal Reimbursement—$212.50.
Estimated State Reimbursement—$1,254.68

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $3,500.00 | |
| Federal Grant, balance Jan. 1, 1952 | 770.85 | |
| Federal Grants received 1952 | 2,801.26 | |
| | $7,072.11 | |
| Expenditures | | $6,378.74 |
| Federal Grant balance, Jan. 1, 1953 | | $ 693.37 |
| Received from Commonwealth | | 1,905.03 |

Estimated Federal Reimbursement—$70.43
*Estimated State Reimbursement—$1,203.68

*Cost to Town for ADC program for the year 1952—$1,659.58.

## GENERAL RELIEF

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $500.00 | |
| Expenditures | | |
| Town Cases | | none |
| State cases | | $228.00 |
| Other Towns | | 23.20 |
| | | $251.20 |
| Balance returned to General Fund | | $248.80 |
| Received Temp. Aid—Commonwealth | | $968.75 |

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Federal Grant Balance, Jan. 1, 1952 | $10.25 | |
| Received Federal Grant 1952 | 12.59 | |
| | | $22.84 |
| Expenditures | | 7.91 |
| | | $14.93 |

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN
(Administration)

| | |
|---|---|
| Federal Grant balance, Jan. 1, 1952 | $ 1.91 |
| Received Federal Grant 1952 | 8.44 |
| Balance Jan. 1, 1953 | $10.35 |

## ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES OF EASTERN BERKSHIRE WELFARE OFFICE FOR YEAR OF 1952

Balance on hand January 1, 1952—$208.70

Credits:

| Reimbursements | Total | | Hinsdale | Becket | Peru | Washington |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Received 1952 | $8816.00 | Breakdown— | $4915.27 | $2819.52 | $704.04 | $377.17 |
| Warrants 1952 | 8106.62 | Breakdown | 4697.76 | 2414.14 | 656.36 | 338.36 |
| Balance 1/1/53 | 709.32 | | 217.51 | 405.38 | 47.68 | 38.81 |
| Plus balance 1/1/52 | 208.70 | | | | | |
| Balance 1/1/53 | $918.08 | | | | | |

Reimbursements received 1952:

$2052.01
1455.42
1902.64
1230.93
1900.00 Appropriations in March—Hinsdale—$1000.00—Becket—$700.00—Peru—$200.00
275.00 Appropriations in July—Washington

$8816.00

Warrants paid out 1952:

$8106.62

Washington joined the District July 1952

Breakdown on Towns based on case load on a percentage basis.

| From 1/1/52 to 7/1/52: | | From 7/1/52 to 12/31/52: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hinsdale | 58% | Hinsdale | 57.9% |
| Becket | 33.3% | Becket | 26.3% |
| Peru | 8.7% | Peru | 7.5% |
| | | Washington | 8.3% |

| Appropriations: | Hinsdale | Becket | Peru | Washington |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $1000.00 | $700.00 | $200.00 | $275.00 |
| On Hand 1/1/53 | 217.51 | 404.38 | 47.68 | 38.81 |
| Actual cost for 1952 | $782.49 | $295.62 | $152.32 | $236.19 |

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The following chronological events outline the progress made during 1952 on the construction of a new elementary school for the Town of Washington:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| May | 18 | Preliminary plans approved |
| June | 5 | Working drawings and specifications approved |
| June | 16 | Bids advertised |
| June | 30 | Sealed bids opened |
| July | 24 | Special Town Meeting: |
| | | Additional funds voted |
| July | 28 | Contracts awarded |
| July | 29 | Construction started |
| August | 26 | Emergency Finance Board approval |

Since the start of construction operations, erection of the building has been completed, heating and ventilating systems have been made operative, water supply and pumping systems have been installed, rough-grading of the site has been accomplished, and interior finishing has commenced. In addition, furniture and auxiliary equipment have been purchased or ordered for delivery in February, 1953.

Ultimate completion of the project is anticipated during the first quarter of 1953. Certain aspects of the planned program, notably landscaping, will be carried out locally at the proper time.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER G. JARVIE, *Chairman*
LOUISE D. SMALLEY
KURT FISCHER
ALBERT E. LARSON
CASSEUS A. R. SIMMONS

*School Building Committee.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $14,975.00 |
| Stella D. Wilkie, teacher | $2,194.00 | |
| Mrs. A. Ray Kimball | 2,185.00 | |
| Dorothy Lyman, sub. | 12.00 | |
| John H. Lewarn, Jr., art | 237.50 | |
| Earl C. Suitor, Superintendent | 1,135.33 | |
| Massachusetts retirement | 231.29 | |
| Superintendent expenses | 206.92 | |
| Text books | 194.49 | |
| Stationery and supplies | 403.23 | |
| Janitor | 314.10 | |
| Fuel | 408.09 | |
| Light and water | 30.39 | |
| Repairs | 49.65 | |
| Library | 19.50 | |
| Health | 115.00 | |
| Local transportation | 2,098.40 | |
| High School transportation | 1,720.45 | |
| Elementary tuition | 126.93 | |
| High School and Jr. High School tuition | 1,562.48 | |
| Vocational High School tuition | 839.48 | |
| Miscellaneous | 3.08 | |
| School Committee | 35.30 | |
| All others | 20.00 | |
| New Equipment (this has a reimbursement of fifty percent) | 718.04 | |
| Total Expenditures | | $14,860.65 |
| Unexpended | | $144.35 |

ALEXANDER JARVIE, *Chairman*
CLARA A. BAKER
VENICE J. ROCK, *Secretary*

*School Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Washington:

Herein is submitted my eighth annual report as Superintendent of your school.

The foreward looking attitude of the Town of Washington is evidenced in the new school project which is nearing completion. This building serving as a community center will fill a felt need, and as a school will be a pleasant, comfortable, functional place for the elementary school children of Washington.

We are all anxious to get into the new building, but the regular school work is progressing in the old building under the able direction of our two teachers. There is, as is to be expected, a varying degree of achievement, but the progress of each individual is what counts. Our teachers are aware of individual differences and have worked with understanding to assist in the development of each of the pupils. The fundamental subjects have not been neglected and important attention has been given to the attitudes and emotional factors in learning. These are apt to be serious blocks in the learning process. Positive cooperation between the home and the school is an absolute necessity for the best interests of the pupils. Regular school attendance with due attention to the physcial and mental health of the children is where the parents can be most helpful.

## Net Cost to the Town of Washington for the Support of Schools—1952

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures for 1952 | | $14,860.65 |
| Receipts: | | |
| Reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts | | |
| Chapter 70 as amended—School Aid | $5,679.61 | |
| Union Superintendent's Salary and Exp. | 729.00 | |
| All transportation | 3,145.27 | |
| State Ward tuition | 278.52 | |
| Vocational tuition | 209.38 | |
| Total Receipts | | $10,041.78 |
| Net Cost to the Town of Washington for the Support of Schools—1952 | | $4,818.87 |

### Budget—1953

| | |
|---|---|
| Teachers' Salaries | $5,500.00 |
| Textbooks | 100.00 |
| Supplies | 100.00 |
| Janitor | 750.00 |
| Fuel | 1,000.00 |
| Lights | 100.00 |
| Repairs | 25.00 |
| Health | 100.00 |
| Transportation | 4,000.00 |
| Elementary Tuition | 150.00 |
| High School Tuition | 3,500.00 |
| Operating Expenses | 70.00 |
| School Committee | 15.00 |
| Superintendent's Salary and Expenses | 1,350.00 |
| New Equipment | 100.00 |
| All others | 25.00 |
| Total Budget for 1953 | $16,885.00 |

## Estimated Net Cost to the Town of Washington for the Support of Schools—1953

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Budget for 1953 | | $16,885.00 |
| Estimated Receipts: | | |
| Chapter 70 as amended—School Aid | $5,679.61 | |
| Union Superintendent's salary and exp. | 729.00 | |
| All transportation | 3,145.27 | |
| State Ward Tuition | 300.00 | |
| Vocational Tuition | 200.00 | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | | $10,053.88 |
| Estimated Net Cost to the Town of Washington for the Support of Schools for 1953 | | 6,831.12 |

The item in the budget for high school tuition can only be based on the number of high school pupils which are then in school and at the rate of tuition in force when the budget is prepared. A few students more or less make a substantial difference. In 1952 there was a more than usual drop out of high school pupils. This left an unexpended balance which was used for new equipment for the new school. It was deemed desirable to do this at this time for the state will reimburse 50% of this outlay.

The number of high school pupils will increase in 1953 and must be planned for at the new rates. We hope all of the pupils will stay in school.

The tuition rates are as follows:

| Dalton | | Pittsfield | |
|---|---|---|---|
| High School | $278 per pupil | High School | $278 per pupil |
| Jun. High School | $218 per pupil | Jun. High School | $246 per pupil |
| | | Vocational School | $170 per pupil |

The 1953 Budget provides for a teacher of music and a teacher of art for a period a week in each subject. These subjects are for some the high light of their school and an important value to all.

The budget items for fuel, lights, and janitor service are at best rough estimates for we haven't much to go on at this time.

Membership October 1, 1952

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| High School Enrollment | | |
| Pittsfield High School | 1 | |
| Pittsfield Vocational School | 5 | |
| Dalton High School | 3 | |
| St. Joseph's High School | 1 | |
| Central Junior High School | 5 | |
| Total High School | | 15 |

Elementary School Enrollment

| Grades | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Kimball | 8 | 6 | 3 | 3 | | | | | 20 |
| Mrs. Wilkie | | | | | 9 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 24 |
| | | | | | | | | | 44 |
| Becket | | | | | | | | | 1 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Elementary | 45 |
| Total Enrollment | 60 |

**Graduates—1952**
Valley School

Jane Beckwith
Marie Brin
Anne Larson
Betty Peer
Bruce Gillett
Terence Lampro
Clinton Wood

**School Calendar 1952-1953**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. | School begins Sept. 3, 1952 | 20 days |
| Oct. | No school Oct. 13, 31 (convention) | 21 days |
| Nov. | No school Nov. 11, 26 P. M. 27, 28 | 17 days |
| Dec. | School closes Dec. 19 | 15 days |
| Jan. | School opens Jan. 5 | 20 days |
| Feb. | Vacation Feb. 21-28 inclusive | 15 days |
| March | | 22 days |
| April | No school Apr. 3, Apr. 18-26 inclusive | 16 days |
| May | | 21 days |
| June | School closes June 5 | 5 days |
| | Total | 172 days |

## SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Children may enter the first grade if they are five years and six months of age on or before the first day of the current school year. Consequently children will be admitted to the first grade in September 1953 if born on or before March 9, 1948. Certificates of birth and vaccination are required at the time of entrance.

## COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

All children must attend school between the ages of seven and sixteen. Certain exceptions may be made by written permission of the Superintendent of Schools for children who have reached the age of fourteen and have completed the sixth grade.

## EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS

Employment permits, sometimes called "School Cards", are required for all persons under twenty-one who are employed in manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile, and certain other work. These may be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

In conclusion I should like to thank everyone connected with the school for their fine spirit and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. SUITOR,
*Superintendent of Schools.*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Earl C. Suitor
Superintendent of Schools
Washington, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Suitor:

The following is the report of the health activities at Valley School dated from September, 1952, to January, 1953.

Physical examinations were done by Dr. Breit of Becket. The following results were found:

Physicals:

| | |
|---|---|
| Normal | 27 |
| Defects | 20 |
| Absentees | 1 |

Some children were found with more than one defect.

The following were the defects found:

6 with excess wax in ears
8 with enlarged tonsils
2 with decayed teeth
2 with skin condition
1 with cardiac condition
1 with strabismus

The audiometer tests were done by Miss Rose Conley, R.N. Four were found defective in hearing.

The Massachusetts Vision Test in grades 1, 2, and 3 were done by Miss Rose Conley, R.N. Three were found defective in eyesight.

Notes were sent to parents of all students with defects.

Heights and weights have been taken.

All health data up to date has been recorded.

There has been consultation with the teachers.

I have assisted in physical examinations.

First Aid supplies were checked.

In conclusion I thank all for their consideration and full cooperation.

Sincerely,

MRS. VIVIAN SANDERSON, R.N.
*School Nurse.*

## TOWN OF WASHINGTON
### Balance Sheet—December 16, 1952
### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

**Assets**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, | | $93,111.08 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Taxes: | | |
| Levy of 1950: | | |
| Real Estate, | | 103.24 |
| Levy of 1951: | | |
| Poll | $ 2.00 | |
| Personal Property, | 113.97 | |
| Real Estate, | 493.15 | |
| | | 609.12 |
| Levy of 1952: | | |
| Poll, | $ 32.00 | |
| Personal Property, | 302.15 | |
| Real Estate, | 2,579.64 | |
| | | $2,913.79 |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise: | | |
| Levy of 1950, | $ 52.62 | |
| Levy of 1951, | 95.36 | |
| Levy of 1952, | 437.03 | |
| | | 585.01 |

**Liabilities and Reserves**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Temporary Loans: | | |
| Anticipation of Reimbursement, | | $16,900.00 |
| Employees' Payroll Deductions: | | |
| Federal Taxes, | $280.50 | |
| County Retirement System | 4.83 | |
| | | 285.33 |
| Excess—Sale Lands of Low Value, | | 149.46 |
| Surplus War Bonus Fund, | | 138.41 |
| Premium on School Loan, | | 516.00 |
| Accrued Interest on School Loan, | | 131.86 |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Aid to Dependent Children: | | |
| Administration, | $ 2.44 | |
| Aid, | 693.37 | |
| Old Age Assistance: | | |
| Administration, | $ 22.84 | |
| Assistance, | 195.02 | |
| | | 913.67 |
| Appropriation Balances: | | |
| Revenue: | | |
| General, | $7,725.08 | |
| Non-Revenue: | | |
| School Construction, | 55,858.56 | |
| | | 63,583.64 |

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|---|---|---|
| Departmental: | | |
| Public Welfare, Gen. Relief, | $ 301.40 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children, | 785.90 | |
| Old Age Assistance, | 2,232.40 | |
| | | 3,319.70 |
| Aid to Highways: | | |
| State, | | 3,400.00 |
| Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts: | | |
| Underestimates 1952: | | |
| State: | | |
| State Parks and Res. Tax., | $ 3.23 | |
| Audit Mun. Accts. Tax, | 18.58 | |
| | | 21.81 |
| Overdrawn Appropriations: | | |
| Road Machinery Fund | $291.24 | |
| Civil Defense, | 195.78 | |
| | | $487.02 |
| | | $104,550.77 |

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|---|---|---|
| Overestimates 1952: | | |
| County Tax, | $40.58 | |
| Mosquito Control Assessment, | 2.63 | |
| | | 43.21 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, | | 1,355.91 |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements: | | |
| Levy of 1951, | $342.52 | |
| Levy of 1952, | 759.48 | |
| | | 1,102.00 |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected: | | |
| Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise, | $ 585.01 | |
| Departmental, | 3,319.70 | |
| | | 3,904.71 |
| Surplus Revenue: | | |
| Current Year, | $10,158.10 | |
| Prior Years, | 5,368.47 | |
| | | 15,526.57 |
| | | $104.550,77 |

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Net Funded or Fixed Debt: | |
| Inside Debt Limit: | |
| General, | $ 2,578.00 |
| Outside Debt Limit: | |
| General, | 86,000.00 |
| | $88,578.00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Inside Debt Limit: | |
| Departmental Equipment Loan, | $ 2,578.00 |
| Outside Debt Limit: | |
| School Construction, | 86,000.00 |
| | $88,578.00 |

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